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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Civic Spirit

ANY soundly-conceived and constructive effort to inculcate civic mindedness into the Colony's present and future generations must win approval. The absence of any widespread sense of community responsibility until very recently can be lamented, yet signs today are not lacking of a new awakening in this direction in Hongkong: the formation of Kaifong Associations and the increase in voluntary and unofficial social welfare organisations are examples. The education in citizenship which has been instituted in many local schools under the inspiration of the Director of Education is, however, of particular importance, in that it possesses a long-term objective. It is the young mind that will readily absorb the essentials of citizenship if these be presented in a correct and engaging manner, and it is the same young people who will happily endeavour to give practical expression to what they have learnt if given sufficient encouragement. Moreover, civics is not a dull text book subject, but deals with dynamic, everyday affairs with which the student is closely associated. For this reason alone, we imagine, the majority of schoolchildren who are given the opportunity of learning something about citizenship and community responsibility will welcome it as an additional subject to their scholastic curriculum.

PARENTS, too, may be expected to appreciate Mr Crozier's conception of the importance and desirability of training in citizenship as part of the general educational system. The Director of Education claims that such training is "a facet of all education," and logically demands that it must be so regarded if "we want to make it a living force." Nevertheless, while there will be no substantial disputation of the value of citizenship training in the schools, ultimate aims cannot be realised if the venture begins and ends with school life. It is essential that every encouragement be given after school life has finished for these young people to apply in practice what they have learnt in theory and by observation. Good citizenship carries with it the right for the individual to feel that he is recognised as a citizen, and not merely a domiciled inhabitant. Such a status has not yet officially been bestowed on the Hongkong-born, and little encouragement to date has been given for them to assume that status. Fostering the community spirit is an admirable idea, but it can only partially succeed unless it is supplemented with an official policy designed to give the community the greatest possible voice in its own affairs.

Lord Alexander Favours A Limited UN Offensive

SHORTENING THE FRONT LINE TO 100 MILES

London, Feb. 19.

Field Marshal Lord Alexander suggested today a limited Allied offensive in Korea could end the war there.

The British Minister of Defence expressed the view the United Nations armies could push the present frontline up to the waist of Korea —nearly 150 miles northwards. South Koreans could take over a lot of the new defences so relieving pressure on UN manpower.

Lord Alexander told a group of American correspondents the Chinese Communists might then decide they were not bogging down sufficient numbers of Allied divisions to make continuation of the war worthwhile.

The famed World War II commander who now shapes British defence policy was answering a reporter's question as to how military actions might be used to end the Korean fighting.

Lord Alexander was understood to mean a limited Allied offensive should stop somewhere around the Pyongyang-Wonsan line below the 40th parallel. This would shorten the frontline about one-third to approximately 100 miles.

Lord Alexander, presumably, was expressing the views of the British government which has said it is against any of the following:

(1) Allied forces sitting on the Yalu River. The British feel this would settle little because it could lead to repetition of the Chinese attack in the winter of 1950.

(2) Allied bombing of mainland China. Britain feels destruction of the Red industries and communications near Korea would not basically affect Red China's Korean war effort.

(3) An Allied sea blockade of the China coast. Less than one-fourth of China's foreign trade is seaborne according to the British, who consider a blockade would carry with it the risks of extending the Korean war.

ONLY MILITARY WAY

Lord Alexander said a big attack would have to be launched against the Communists if the present front is to be pushed up to the Korean narrows. It would need more divisions and would cost many casualties.

But that, he said, is "the only feasible military way" out of the present deadlocked situation.

He told a reporter Britain would "love to put more troops into Korea but we simply have not got them."

This country, the Minister said, has 11 divisions on active service in various parts of the world—including four in Germany. But it did not have "one single organised formation at home."

One correspondent asked him if Britain could send another division to Korea from Germany if the US were to replace it in Europe.

Lord Alexander replied that the idea—which he said had never occurred to him—might be misconstrued by those European nations which want Britain firmly committed to defence of the continent.—Associated Press.

A ROUGH ROAD

Washington, Feb. 19.

Foreign policy - minded Senators on Thursday spurred administration efforts to find ways for stopping the flow of war goods to Red China and to strengthen United Nations co-operation.

Chairman Alexander Wiley (Republican, Wisconsin) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee also called for a greater contribution from UN partners to the fighting in Korea.

Although the road to peace may be a rough one, Wiley said, the UN has "pointed the troubled world in the right general direction." He asked this country to stand firm in its support of the international agency.

The approach of a new session of the UN General Assembly—it reconvenes next Tuesday—added a further note of urgency to the State Department's efforts to devise new moves in the Far East.

Wiley, voicing high praise for progress made by the UN at its last session, told the Senate yesterday that at the very minimum:

"Other peace-loving members of the United Nations should

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France Expects To Be Kept Informed

Paris, Feb. 19.

France has told the United States that it expects to be informed about any important move in the Far East and that she would sharply protest any single - handed American action, it was learned today.

The Foreign Minister, M. Bidault, told the National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Commission on Wednesday night that he had lodged a protest with the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, about the decision "deneutralising Formosa" during Mr Dulles' recent visit here, highly placed sources said.

M. Bidault told the group that Mr Dulles had tried to "minimise" the consequences of the move.

"If, however, in the future we are not consulted we will make our voice be heard," M. Bidault was quoted as saying.

M. Bidault had gone before the Commission to report on his talks with Mr Dulles and on last week's consultations with the British Government.

SOFTER CRITICISM

Although public criticism of the Formosa decision and other planned moves was softer in France than in Britain, official circles believe that France should be consulted on any far-reaching change in the Allied stand toward Communist China because of France's position in Indo-China.

M. Bidault also told the Assembly Commission, informed sources said, that Britain had received with "sympathy" French suggestions for close support of the six-nation European Army project, but he complained that Britain still considers itself protected by the Channel.

M. Bidault was quoted as saying that the French Government did not consider the proposed European Army protocols "untouchable" and that it would accept modifications submitted by the other five partners.—Reuter.

Heavy Cost Of Flood Disaster

London, Feb. 19.

Britain's flood disaster has so far cost the country between £40,000,000 and £50,000,000, the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, told the House of Commons today.

He put the total number of dead at 307. This included 11 persons formerly reported as missing but now presumed dead.

Sir David Maxwell Fyfe said his figure of £40,000,000 or £50,000,000 did not include the cost of permanent repairs and improvements in the sea defences.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill today moved in the House of Commons a resolution backed by all parties recording deep sympathy with the Netherlands and Belgium and all who suffered in the British floods.

The resolution also offered warm thanks for the "spontaneous generosity of friendly nations within and without the Commonwealth" freely proffered for relief of hardship and loss.

The resolution was carried without dissent.—Reuter.

E. GERMANY FLOODS

Berlin, Feb. 19.

West Berlin newspaper said today that levees of the Elbe River in East Germany have burst in many places and numerous East Zone villages in the river area are isolated by floods.

The East German Government on Wednesday appealed to East Zone residents to prepare for the threatening floods and form flood teams to combat the rising waters. The Communists did not say the river areas were already under the water.—United Press.

Deserters May Win Amnesty

London, Feb. 19.

The British Cabinet is considering whether to advise Queen Elizabeth to mark her Coronation in June by granting an amnesty to deserters from the armed forces.

Sir Thomas Moore, Conservative member of Parliament, has put down a question to Prime Minister Winston Churchill on this topic for answer on Monday, but it is unlikely that any definite announcement will be possible so far.—Reuter.

30 Terrorists Slain In Week

Nairobi, Feb. 19.

Security forces in Kenya killed 30 Mau Mau terrorists and wounded six in the week ended yesterday, while the terrorists murdered 20 pro-government Africans and wounded four, an official spokesman said here today.

A police spokesman said tonight that the arrest of nine terrorists in the Nyeri area early today was one of the highest importance since it was believed the captured include high-ranking Mau Mau officials.

The Government today accepted an African proposal for a committee to advise on the co-ordination of problems arising from the movement of Kikuyu settlers.

Mr W. E. Mathu, leader of the African unofficial members of the Legislature, who made the proposal, said there was a danger from over-crowded reserves and the food shortage was already serious.

The Kenya government announced in the Legislature today that 202 people of all races had been killed through subversive activity since the state of emergency was declared last October.

The forces of law and order had killed 122 Mau Maus.

The government said the Mau Mau organisation had killed: nine Europeans, three Asians, 177 Kikuyu tribes people and 13 other Africans.—Reuter.

Vice Trial Defendant

Minot (Mickey) Jelke, heir to the Margarine fortune, arrives at New York Criminal Court to face charges of procuring pin-up girls at between $200 and $500 a night. The trial to date has been held in camera. — London Express.

Britain's Huge Defence Bill Does Not Mean Bigger Armies

London, Feb. 19.

Britain's record defence expenditure for this year of £1,636,760,000 (an increase of £123,260,000 over last year's figure) does not mean that Britain's armies will be bigger. The total strength of the Navy, Army and Royal Air Force is expected to fall from an estimated 879,800 at the end of April next to 866,400 in 1954.

Announcing the Defence expenditure today, the Government said that to spend more than the estimated £1,636,760,000 would be to risk an economic collapse that "would give the Communists a bloodless victory."

Spending of arms production alone will be about £650,000,000 in 1953—slightly more than in 1952. More than half of this will be spent on new war planes. In addition, the country will spend £100,000,000 for research on new weapons.

The programme was outlined in the government's annual statement on defence which showed that the original £4,700,000,000 three-year arms time-table set by the Labour government in 1951 has now been completely scrapped.

The government statement said Britain's defence efforts fell into two parts:

1. Her overseas obligations in resisting the Communist cold war campaign.

2. Preparation with the Commonwealth and Britain's other Allies against the risks that Communists, by accident or design, might force them to defend themselves against direct attack.

The measures the government were taking would put Britain in a better position to fight should global war come and they would also be a powerful deterrent to open war.

THE PROGRAMME

This year's programme is split up as follows:

Finance—total spending will be £1,630,760,000 of which the United States will contribute £140,000,000 in dollar aid.

Naval spending will be £364,000,000, including £35,000,000 of American aid.

The Army will take £581,000,000, including £55,000,000 American aid and the Royal Air Force will spend £348,000,000 (£50,000,000 of American aid).

The remaining expenditure will be for the Defence and Supply Ministries and will include £13,500,000 for Atlantic Pact construction programmes—airfields, roads, military bases and similar projects.

It is estimated the strength of the services at April 1954 will be 484,500, the Navy 130,500, and the Royal Air Force 279,400.

The Army figure is broadly the same as before, but the Navy figure will drop by 10,000 and the Royal Air Force by 3,500.

Britain's overseas defence commitments in 1952 forced her to send a much greater proportion of regular army abroad than ever before in peace—to Korea, Malaya, West Germany and the Middle East.

Partly to balance this, seven new battalions were formed during that year, the government said, and by vigorous economics, the strength of the army was now equivalent of 11 and one-third divisions (against 10 divisions originally planned.)—Reuter.

Petition For Woman's Life

London, Feb. 19.

Between 50 and 60 British members of Parliament have signed a petition to the Sultan of Perak in Malaya asking him to exercise his royal prerogative of mercy to reprieve a Chinese woman under sentence of death for unlawful possession of a hondgrenade.

The woman, 25-year-old, Lee Ten Tai, now awaits execution at Ipoh as "Lee Meng", a leading Communist terrorist. She denies she is Lee Meng.

London solicitors and a Chinese woman advocate from Malaya now in Britain, this week took her case to the Privy Council—the supreme legal authority in the British Commonwealth—but permission to appeal was refused.

Today the London solicitors told a press conference that the petition in brief asked the Sultan: "Please do not hang her. The position in Malaya has improved and it would be a sign of strength in the administration if it reprieved her."—Reuter.

TWO MURDERERS ESCAPE

Manhunt By 5,000 Tokyo Police

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

A dragnet of 5,000 police covered Tokyo on Thursday night in an all out effort to catch two condemned killers who escaped early on Thursday from the detention house of Kosuge (Tokyo suburb).

The pair, So Ei Kong, 26, and Eiichi Yamashita, 22, used a crude paper rope to flee from the prison's third floor. Bars of the cells were cut with a file found later in Yamashita's cell.

Chief of the first investigation section of the Metropolitan Police Department took personal charge of the manhunt and appealed to the public to aid in the search.

He asked persons seeing the pair to notify the police as soon as possible.

For the first time in Japanese history television was used in a manhunt and descriptions were telecast over station NHK.

Special police were posted around the homes of the youths and at homes of their friends. Other details were posted at railway stations and roadblocks were set up.

Police described the gaol breakers as desperate and feared they might commit further violence.

Prison officials investigating the break said the crude rope was fashioned out of paper given them to make envelopes and the file was stolen from a workshop.

Both the fugitives had been sentenced to death for murder by a district court and had filed appeals.—Associated Press.

Mountaineers' Handicap

Zurich, Feb. 19.

Climbers of last year's Swiss Everest expedition said today that the equipment for Britain's 1953 Everest expedition is too heavy and too bulky.

M. Rene Dittert, the well-known Swiss Alpine climber who took part in last year's assaults on the mountain, said here that lightness meant everything in the last few thousand feet.

He said the actual climbing of Everest's last ramparts is entirely a matter of luck.—Reuter.

Shot While Trying To Escape

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

A Communist civilian internee was shot and slightly wounded on Wednesday while attempting to escape from an Allied prisoner of war camp on Korea's Pongam Island, the United Nations Command said.

The statement said the prisoner was taktn to a Kojo Island hospital.—Associated Press.

"Cup Size" Atomic Bomb Report Denied

Washington, Feb. 19.

The United States Atomic Energy Commission tonight denied Canadian reports that three "cup size" atomic bombs had been dropped recently in tests in northern Minnesota.

Commission officials said flatly that the atomic proving ground in Nevada was the only place in the United States where atomic tests were conducted.

In addition, Mr John A. Dochant, Director of Public Information for the Office of Civilian defence, said that his agency had no knowledge of any atomic bombs being dropped in Minnesota.

A Canadian press report from Fort Frances, Ontario, quoted Mr E. W. Downward, American Civil Defence Director at International Falls, Minnesota, as saying the bombs were dropped within the last three months on a bombing range in that area.

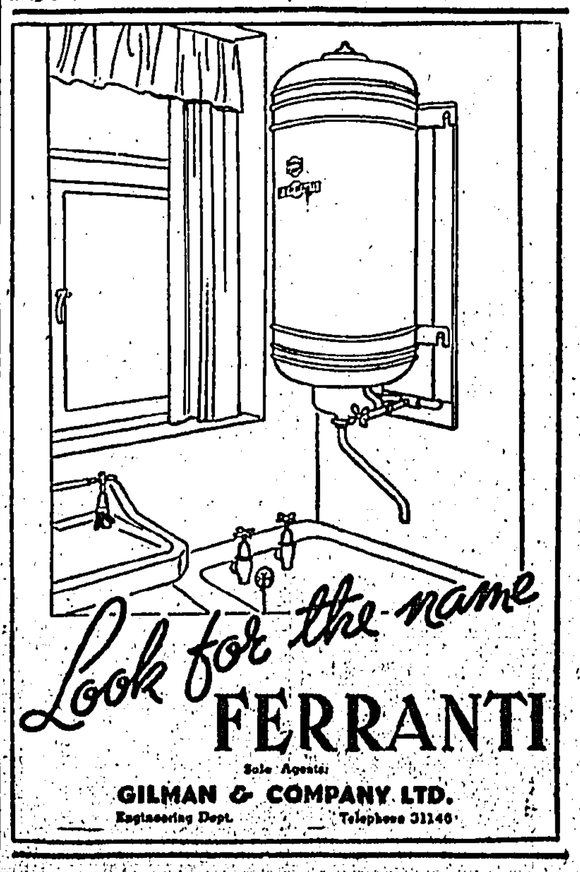
In Chicago the Chicago Tribune said it had reached Mr Downward by telephone and he had denied making any statement about atomic bombs being dropped in the area.

The Tribune quoted him as saying that his talk to the Civil Defence meeting last night was merely "routine".

The Canadian press report said Mr Downward made the statement last night at what was called a secret joint civil defence meeting with Canadian authorities at Fort Frances.

Mr Downward was quoted as describing the test bombs as "cup size".

The actual size of an atomic bomb has never been officially disclosed.—Reuter.



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Yogi Is Found Dead After "Burial"

Crowds stampeded in New Delhi, India, recently when a "Holy Man" who had buried himself alive nine days previously without food and water, was found dead on the re-opening of the pit. Police armed with staves could not hold back the crowds as his body was lifted out, and many people were trampled under foot. The Yogi, Narayan Acharya, 56, had got into the wooden-lined pit near Gandhi's tomb to "do penance for the peace of the world". This was not the first time he had buried himself alive; in 1949 he remained entombed for 214 hours. Here onlookers file past to pay their respects to the dead Yogi after the opening of the pit. — Express Photo.

Future Status Of Pakistan May Provide Heated Debate

Karachi, Feb. 19.

Pakistan's future status and her relations with the Commonwealth are likely to be hotly debated when the Constituent Assembly considers the proposals for the country's Constitution.

Sind Muslim Leaguer Mohammed Ayub Khuhro has tabled an amendment to include in the preamble to the Constitution the statement that Pakistan is a "sovereign independent Republic."

This amendment has the support of the Muslim League which is Pakistan's majority party.

Pakistan's present position is that as a full member of the Commonwealth the Governor-General is appointed by the Queen, though on the advice of her Pakistani Ministers. This follows the grant of independence to India and Pakistan in 1947.

Since then, India has adopted a Republican Constitution, but has remained a member of the Commonwealth. In Pakistan, the Basic Principles Committee was appointed in March 1949 to formulate principles for a Constitution. These were presented to the Assembly in December.

The Committee proposed that Pakistan should be a Federation with a bicameral legislature and a Muslim Head of State elected jointly by both Houses.

IMPLIED STATUS

Though not specifically stated in the report, observers here assumed that this implied Republican status for Pakistan since other Commonwealth countries, apart from India, have Governors-General officially appointed by the Queen.

The Basic Principles Committee's report suggested that the Head of State should have power to make war and peace and to receive and accredit diplomats and to make treaties.

Further evidence that Pakistan's aspirations were towards a Republic was noted in the style for the proclamation of the Queen agreed at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London in December.

For Pakistan the form was: "Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom and of her other realms and territories, Head of the Commonwealth."

British rule in undivided India, from which Pakistan stems, was alien rule. This was not the case with most other Commonwealth members whose people were largely British in origin. It is inevitable, therefore, that many Pakistanis should feel that they are not really free until the last vestige of foreign rule, however small, is removed.

EFFECT OF KASHMIR

Though most of them realise that, in spite of nominal recognition of the British Sovereign, Pakistan is already independent and sovereign, as evidenced in Pakistan's opposition to Britain on occasions in the international field, there remains the uneasy feeling that some sort of subservience is involved in Commonwealth membership.

But it is the Kashmir dispute which has made the Commonwealth link most questioned.

Kashmir dominates Pakistani thinking on every subject. With the conviction that justice is on their side, people here feel a very deep sense of frustration at the way negotiations have dragged on while Kashmir has apparently been bound more tightly to India.

Since India became a Republic and nominally less closely linked with the Commonwealth than Pakistan, many Pakistanis have denied that India has Commonwealth membership at all. When then they argue, does Britain not come out openly in support of her fellow member of the Commonwealth, Pakistan?

This cry has been voiced by many political leaders, including members of the Muslim League.

MORAL EFFECT

During the past year, frustration over Kashmir has reached new heights and has been joined by the moral effect of the severe economic crisis which took the country by surprise after the boom years immediately following partition.

Britain has been blamed for not buying cotton and jute which piled up on the quays. The Imperial Preference System which operates in such cases as British cotton piece-goods, has been called a contributing factor to the crisis.

It has been suggested that Britain has deliberately held up deliveries of arms and capital goods, and no amount of official denial has got rid of this suspicion.

Nevertheless, opinion within the Muslim League is understood to be generally in favour of the Commonwealth link, though wanting a Republic.—Reuter.

Franco-German Crisis Ahead?

Manchester, Feb. 19.

A message in today's "Manchester Guardian" stated that there was a strong feeling in Bonn that something like a crisis may develop in Franco-German relations next week.

The paper's Bonn correspondent added:

"Informed quarters in Bonn believe that the meeting of the Chancellor, Dr Adenauer, with the French Foreign Minister, M. Bidault, in Rome may bring the worsening relations between the two countries to a head, for Dr Adenauer is bound to make his views known on the subject of the Saar.

"It is believed that Dr Adenauer will ask that the Saar should be placed under the trusteeship of the six Schuman Plan countries."—Reuter.

Refugees A Major Problem

London, Feb. 19.

Professor Ernest Reuter, Burgomaster of Berlin, said in a recorded broadcast here today that in West Berlin the problem of refugees from Eastern Germany overshadowed everything else.

The broadcast was recorded by the Professor while he was on a private lecture visit last week.

Professor Reuter said the whole refugee problem was part of the great international problem.

He said: "I think in the long run we will have no peace in Europe, no peace in Germany, without reunification of Germany, but it is a matter of high politics, a problem for the Powers, not for the Germans alone."

Professor Reuter said: "We have in Berlin now at least 160,000 to 170,000 refugees.

"We have come to an arrangement with the West German Government and in the next two months, we will fly out 30,000 every month."—Reuter.

'Red Dean' Off To Canada

London, Feb. 19.

The "Red Dean" of Canterbury, Dr Hewlett Johnson, left by plane for Montreal tonight, but said he did not intend to visit the United States because the "eastern world is much more interesting."

Wearing a fur-lined coat and clerical gaiters, the Dean, whose avowed admiration for Soviet Russia and Communist China have brought rebukes from the Archbishop of Canterbury, parried newsmen's questions about his trip to Canada.

He said, "I have no desire to go into America. I find the eastern world much more interesting."

Asked what he would talk about in Canada, he retorted, "That's my affair. Besides, I don't know what my friends have arranged." He refused to identify his friends. — United Press.

ASIA'S FUTURE COURSE

Views Of American Editor

New York, Feb. 19.

The fate of all Asia would be determined by events in China, Korea and Japan, Mr Henry R. Luce, Editor-in-Chief of Life Magazine, said today in a report on his recent tour of the East.

Mr Luce wrote in a current issue of Life: "Southeast Asia is not of primary importance, geopolitically. The fate of all Asia will be mainly determined in the area, Peking-Mukden-Seoul-Tokyo.

"China to be sure is the middle kingdom, but its centre of gravity is north of the Yangtze. Thus the finger of history keeps on pointing to Manchuria. Ultimately Manchuria is the question," Mr Luce wrote.

"With Korea free, with China becoming free, then, as the great friend of all three, it will be America's privilege to assist in bringing about good relations between all three—Korea, Japan and China, and there is where the real centre of gravity of a Pacific security pact is. A pact embracing these three spells peace in the whole vast Pacific area; it would be the final and adequate barrier to Communism or Russian imperialism in Asia. That is, furthermore the sign and condition of a Democratic Asia," he said.

Concerning the relations of the United States with Southeast Asia, Mr Luce wrote "much will happen there for good and evil; leading men will appear on that part of the world stage; words will be spoken which must be heeded. We will watch and listen and act — and by no means entirely as strangers or outlanders, because of the Philippines.

Australia, he said "claims our attachment as fellow white men in the Pacific and we claim in them an even broader kinship in the fellowship of free men.

"But except for the Philippines, the really deep and broad relationships with Southeast Asia are only now in the making," Mr Luce said.—Reuter.

Offensive Patrol In Tonkin

Hanoi, Feb 19.

A powerful French Union offensive reconnaissance patrol, which started out from Conoi, 20 kilometres southeast of the Nasan garrison in the Thai country, has reached and crossed the Black River at Takhoa, meeting hardly any resistance.

In a similar operation at the end of last month French Union forces reached the same area, in which heavy fighting at the end of October held up the advance of Vietminh units which started out from Nahlalo.

It was thought that the present operation was merely aimed at "feeling out" the Vietminh.

It was also pointed out that the control of the river area by Union forces would hamper Vietminh movements further to the North.

Following Vietminh attacks on Nasan, it was believed that Ho Chi-minh's troops were trying to get to rest centres in the Phytho area.

By the present manoeuvre, French Union troops are keeping the initiative throughout the Thai country and are also restoring confidence to the local population a portion of which has already placed itself under the protection of allied forces at Takhoa.—France-Presse.

Reds Arrest Protestants

Berlin, Feb. 19.

The East German Communists have arrested two Protestant clergymen and shut down a missionary rally in what appeared to be the opening of a campaign against the Evangelical Church.

The headquarters of the Evangelical Church in Berlin announced that Pastor Johannes Hamel and Pastor Juergen Winterviger had been arrested. The Church said that it had contacted the Soviet Zone Government in an effort to secure their release. No reason for the arrest was given, the Church said.—United Press.

"Mother Heroines"

London, Feb. 19.

Four hundred Russian women who have brought up 10 or more children have been honoured with the title "Mother Heroine", Moscow Radio reported.—Reuter.

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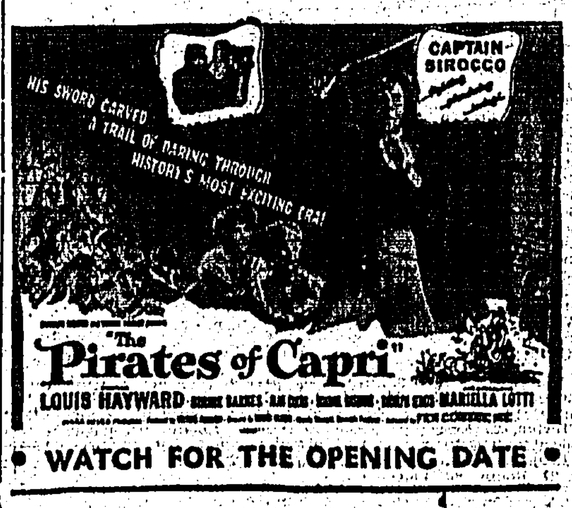

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East Anglians Facing Age-Old Problem Of Too Much Salt

SEQUEL TO FLOODS

London, Feb. 19.

One of the biggest problems caused by the recent floods on England's East Coast is the lost fertility of thousands of acres of rich land.

For the floodwater destroyed not only crops and livestock, but it also took its toll of nature's "ploughmen" — the millions of earthworms whose ceaseless tunnelling activities keep the soil sweet and clean.

An even more serious problem has been created by the deposit of salt left by the receding seawater, for apart from its poisoning effect, the salt changes the very nature of the soil.

It runs heavy soil into sodium clay, which becomes a glutinous mass when it is moist, and hard and lumpy when dry.

The time required to restore the soil to its former fetility is hard to estimate, but some experts suggest that it may take quite a few years.

The problem of cleaning salt-impregnated land, so as to make it fertile, is no new one. It was encountered and overcome by the ancestors of those now living in the fenlands, when they recovered these areas from the seas.

A similar victory was won by the people of the Netherlands who, like the British, have now seen much of their land temporarily wrenched from their grasp. But such operations took many years.

ABADAN EXAMPLE

In recent times, however, improved engineering skill, wedded to greater scientific knowledge, has enabled near-miracles to be performed in this as in other fields.

An example of this is to be found in the story of Persia's Abadan island in the war years.

For it then became an urgent problem to build up local supplies of foodstuffs in order to feed the many thousands of refinery employees and their families who lived on the island.

To this end the oil company operating there decided to bring under cultivation hundreds of acres which at the time were completely infertile because of their salt content.

So, with the war at its height, a major agricultural project was undertaken. An integral part of this was the washing out of the salt by means of "leaching"—i.e. flushing the soil with water.

In some places this leaching process was carried out every day for two years or more, and in this way up to 100 tons of salt were removed from a single acre.

WILL GET PRIORITY

Then fertilisers were applied, lime added, and the ground ploughed and sown. For many years now, vegetables of every variety, as well as cattle food, have been grown in abundance on these former salt lands.

Today, in nearby Iraq, a similar but far more ambitious project has just been commenced for reclaiming many thousands of acres of land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

This "Wadi Tharthar" project—the cost of which is being met by revenues derived from oil operations — includes the provision of irrigation over a wide area and the reclamation of large districts which at present are salt marsh. The first stage of the work—involving the construction of a 40-mile long canal—has barely begun, and it will be many years before the entire operation is complete.

Long before then, the coast lands of East Anglia will once more be bearing rich harvest. For great as is the task, the urgent need to step up Britain's own food production will ensure that it is given the priority of man-power, materials, and machinery that it requires.—*London Express Service.*

Space Suit At Last?

Washington, Feb. 19.

The United States Navy announced today that it had developed a combination suit for airmen flying at very high altitudes which would even protect them in interplanetary space.

The suit has a head piece in plexiglass attached to a suit of special rubber containing compressed air.

The suit covers the whole body including hands and feet.

The Navy claimed that this is the first suit to give total protection over 20,000 metres even if the pressurisation and oxygen system are cut off.—France-Presse.

TOURIST BOOM EXPECTED

London, Feb. 19.

Boom business in American tourists for the Coronation was forecast by 14 top United States travel agents who flew into London Airport today.

The party arrived for a two-day stop before flying to New Delhi to examine tourist possibilities in India.

"Build seven more 1,000 bedroomed hotels in London and we could still fill them all through Summer," said Paul G. Ford, of Los Angeles.

The leader of the party, Llewellyn G. Ross of New Canaan, Connecticut, said, "We have fixed accommodations all over Southern England and in Paris and Le Touquet, France. Our clients in these places will make day trips to London during the Coronation period."

Some of the travel agents are offering an all-in 11-day ait tour to Britain for £300 called "Coronation Skyway Tours."

They estimate that nearly a million visitors will gather in London for the Coronation.—Associated Press.

King Hussein In Nursing Home

London, Feb. 19.

King Hussein of Jordan entered a London nursing home today for dental treatment.

His aides said he will be unable to start his planned month-long tour of Britain for a week and will have to change his programme. After the tour the 18-year-old King is to return to Jordan. — Associated Press.

Lady Marye Did It The Hard Way

Darwin, Feb. 19.

Lady Marye Rous, attractive 22-year-old daughter of the Earl and Countess of Stradbroke, is on her way to Singapore after seeing Australia the hard way—as a cattle station cook, hotel housemaid, children's governess and private cook.

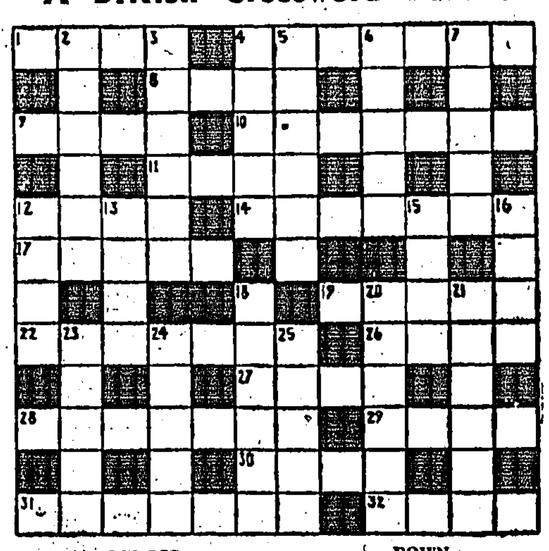
Lady Marye said today: "The Australians have been very kind, but they must be very tough. I will never know how I failed to kill off a few with my cooking.

"Australia has taught me to do many things I would never have believed possible."

But the daughter of one of England's ancient families with a lineage traceable to the 13th century has been in Australia before—in 1947 when her father, then Viscount Dunwich, was secretary to the Governor of Victoria, the late Lord Dugan.

She explained that after working in London as a "char" and in a button factory, she earned her way to Sydney as an air hostess and model for a face cream advertisement. — Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Dwell tediously on.
4 Perfume.
8 Talk bombastically.
9 Extinct bird.
10 Magazine.
11 Step.
12 Gala.
14 Savouring.
17 Bedeck.
19 Scum.
22 Lattice-work.
26 Individual thing.
27 Squad.
28 Playing cafe.
29 Snares.
30 Wander.
31 Subdue.
32 Challenge.

DOWN

2 Worshipped.
3 Fitting.
4 Perform.
5 Current.
6 Oust.
7 Fetter.
12 Immovable.
13 Fish.
15 Figure.
16 Pith.
18 Numerical Symbol.
20 Rough.
21 Offender.
23 Attain.
24 Vegetables.
25 Drawing-room.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Assets, 5 Azure, 8 Revue, 9 Picnic, 10 Daubs, 11 Peril, 12 Loaf, 13 Torso, 16 Remote, 18 Leader, 20 Dream, 22 Men, 23 Spoil, 25 Quoth, 26 Tartan, 27 Erred, 28 Heart, 29 Decree. Down: 1 Appalled, 2 Sociable, 3 Trip, 4 Seceded, 5 Auditor, 6 Zealot, 7 Rebus, 14 Register, 15 Ordnance, 16 Rampart, 17 Merited, 19 Easter, 21 Route, 24 Lade.

White Lion Of Mortimer

The completed model of the White Lion of Mortimer which is one of the 10 "Queen's Beasts" taken from the heraldic devices of Her Majesty's ancestors and which will form part of the decorative scheme for the Coronation Annexe of Westminster Abbey. The model was sculptured by Mr James Woodford R. A. at his Hammersmith studio.—Central Press.

160 Known Methods Of Ending It All

Paris, Feb. 19.

There is an endless variety of means "to end it all," the World Statistical Office disclosed, listing 160 ways of suicide, going from an overdose of sleeping pills to freezing in a refrigerator.

After a year's-long study of suicide cases all over the world, the office grouped them into eight categories according to "frequency".

They are: asphyxiation, poison (headed by gardenal), drowning, knife or dagger, hanging, jumping from the window, fire-arm, and jumping under a vehicle, in that order.

The office remarked that there are often "series" of suicides at a given period, and that a spectacular suicide is promptly imitated. In Paris, for example, it is a regular occurrence that a man who jumps under an underground train is followed by two or three in the same week.

Candidates of a prompt death who plunge from the top of the Eiffel Tower are sure to touch off a series of suicides from the famed Paris landmark. The Tower serves as a springboard into the unknown to about 10 persons a year.

Besides "irregular" suicides, the statistics list instances where a person elected to die in a not-as-everybody-else-way.

UNIQUE CASE

This inlcudes the poetic death of an unnamed woman artist, who locked herself up in her apartment, lay down amid masses of exotic flowers, and waited until death came from the perfume of orchids, roses and carnations.

In 1952 a man travelled across the world to Egypt, only to scale a pyramid and jump down in face of the impassive Sphynx.

As a "unique" case, which so far has gone unimitated, is the suicide of a British citizen who swallowed a pack of his wife's home perm wave product.

Another spectacular suicide happened last year in Rome where a worker locked himself up in the big port freezer and turned into an icicle.—United Press.

CANADIAN NUNS BACK HOME

Montreal, Feb. 19.

Four Canadian nuns, three of whom were imprisoned in Communist China, have returned home and were swept into the arms of their relatives amidst tears, cheers and prayers of thankfulness.

Four hundred persons gathered at the Windsor Station to greet Sisters St Alphonse de Redempteur, Marie Garmain, St Germaine and St Jean Baptiste, all of the order of the Immaculate Conception.

Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger headed a church delegation which greeted the nuns. They appeared pale and tired after their long journey by sea and land from Hongkong.

The three nuns were arrested in March, 1951, by Chinese Communists and charged with murder in the deaths of a number of orphans under their care at the Sacred Heart Orphanage in Canton. Sister St Jean Baptiste was ill in Canton at the time and was not arrested.

They were tried by a shouting mob of the "People's Court" and found "guilty." The sisters maintained that they cared for the children who were war victims and that many of them were near death when they entered the orphanage.

They were released just before Christmas and after medical care in Hongkong sailed for Canada.—United Press.

Evidence Of Claims Submitted

Venice, Feb. 19.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the Italian "Supor" Company tonight submitted to the Venice Court written evidence of their claims to the contested Persian oil cargo, landed here last Saturday from the Italian tanker Miriella.

The cargo, about 5,000 tons of fuel oil, was sealed under Customs guard in a storage tank for 15 days dating from last Saturday after the British company claimed possession of the oil from the Abadan refinery.

The President of the Court, Judge Enrico Mastrobuono, gave the Anglo-Iranian and the Supor, charterers of the Miriella, until today to present their fully documented evidence.

He promised his decision on the British Company's demand for "judicial sequestration" by March 1.—Reuter.

To Convene Meeting

Paris, Feb. 19.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, is to convene a meeting of Ministers of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and tell them of the decisions of the recent Commonwealth Economic Conference; it was announced tonight.—Reuter.

FAROUK PALACE TO BE OPENED

Cairo, Feb. 19.

The doors of Abdin Palace, where ex-King Farouk staged several of his famous "Arabian Nights", are to be opened to foreign tourists and local visitors —at a fee of £1 per head, it was reliably learned today.

Around 1,000 tourists expected here soon on the American liner Constitution and the Cunard Liner Britannic may be the first to visit the historic and artistic marvels of Abdin Palace standing in the heart of Cairo. It is Egypt's oldest royal palace. —Associated Press.

BRADLEY'S OUTLINE OF THE MILITARY SITUATION

Five-Year Arms Build-Up Ahead Of United States

Washington, Feb. 19.

Congressional leaders were told at a White House military briefing today that Russia is steadily building up its armed might, including atomic weapons, and that the United States consequently faces a costly five-year arms build-up.

General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Mr Allan Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence, pointed to three major trouble spots — Korea, Indo-China and Iran — where, it was said, "anything could happen at any time."

Congressional leaders seemed to be in agreement that the global situation is just about what they had been led to believe through previous military and diplomatic briefings.

But, as one participant said, today's picture "put it all in one piece."

Russian strength, exclusive of satellite nations, was estimated by experts at about 2,000,000 men under arms and 20,000 planes, including a sizable proportion of jets.

One legislator said that Russian submarine strength in the Far East runs between 60 and 70.

President Eisenhower, it was reported, made no special plea for extraordinary secrecy.

TOP SECRET

He said that each legislator was free to divulge whatever he thought was publishable about the briefing.

General Bradley detailed top secret information on American troop dispersals throughout the world, including figures on the recent build-up of troops in Western Europe and America.

Mr Joseph Dodge, President Eisenhower's budget director, told the spending-conscious legislators that if the present spending and income trends continue the legal Federal debt limit of $275,000,000,000 would have to be lifted and that the Federal debt might run as high as $300,000,000,000 by the end of the five-year period.

While President Eisenhower and his advisers assured the legislators that every effort will be made to curtail Government spending, some of those who attended the briefing got the impression that the Administration is finding the chore of cutting expenses—particularly for defence—more difficult than had at first been anticipated.—United Press.

Amnesty Bill Approved

Paris, Feb. 19.

France's Upper House tonight passed a Bill which will pardon and set free 12 Alsatians who took part in the Nazi massacre of Oradour.

Their prison sentences roused a storm of protests and demonstrations in Alsace.

Starting probably this weekend, the pardoned men will return to their beflagged home towns, and protests against their release are expected from the home province of the massacre victims.

The Senate approved the amnesty by 174 votes to 79, but it removed a clause awarding the "Order of the Nation" to the Oradour victims, deciding it was "unsuitable" to decorate them in the same Bill as the amnesty for the guilty.—Reuter.

'Quake Recorded

New York, Feb. 19.

Columbia University's seismograph recorded a moderately sharp earthquake at 3.28 p.m. GMT Thursday. Readings indicated the quake occurred about 4,600 miles east of New York.—Associated Press.

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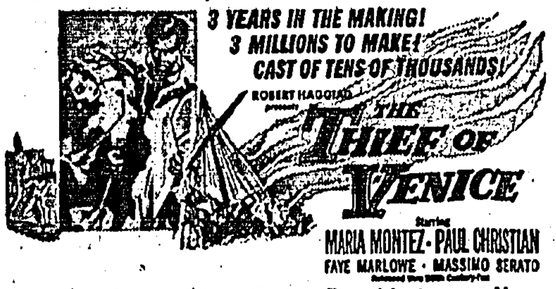

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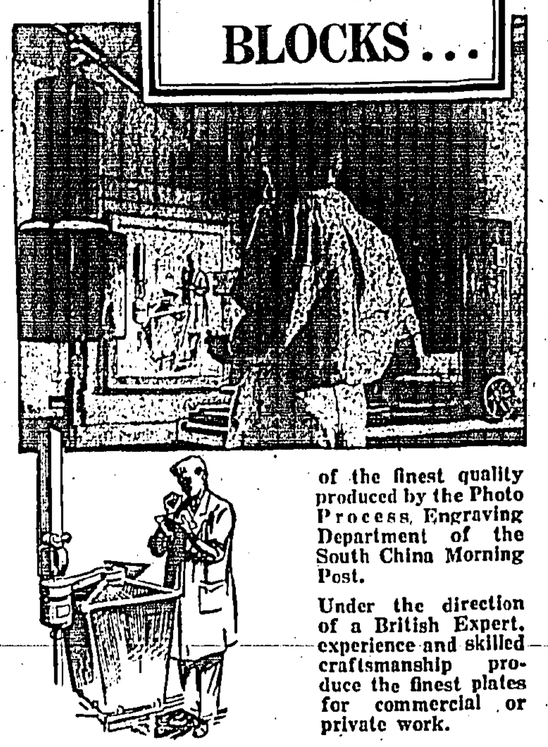

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SO KORDA GOES '3-D'

BUT HE WARNS: IT IS NO EASY ANSWER TO TV

by DAVID LEWIN

London.

IN the large room with the high ceiling and the tall windows opening on to a lawn, an ornamental pool, and beyond them Hyde Park, Sir Alexander Korda strides up and down rondering The Shape of Things to Come.

He once made that picture and now he plans another equally striking. For Sir Alex, just back from America, has decided that in May he will demonstrate the shape of things to come, and make Britain's first full-length feature film in three dimensions.

First topic

HOLLYWOOD has many names for the new fashion: "Roundies" or "Three-D" or "Tri-Dimensional" or "Stereo Pictures." Whatever the choice of name the pictures are the first topic in film conversation today.

They are also being called the most single important development in the cinema since the film began to talk.

I asked Alex Korda: "Is that true?"

He said "No." He spoke fast and fluently. "'Three Dimensional' is as important as colour —not sound," he said. "When talkies came in the audience began to listen. This new dimension still relies for its effect on the eye plus the ear. It adds no more.

"Like colour it enhances what the eyes see. When the first Hollywood three-dimensional films come to this country it will mean immediately a hard knock for the ordinary flat films. Unless they are better than the 'round films.' But after the initial impact people will go to see the best films — they will not choose a picture simply because it has an extra dimension."

Sir Alex stood for a moment under the Bellotto* paintings and a recently acquired Turner on the wall. His office reflects the style of this tall, silver-haired man whose British pictures span a decade from "The Private Life of Henry VIII" to "The Sound Barrier." In America he talked Three-D with the Hollywood chiefs who are scrambling to use it.

"They see it as the answer to television. And of course it is not. TV's place is assured. You do not retort by Three-D or any other device like that. TV has taken the habit out of cinema going, but a film will draw big audiences and take just as much money as ever when it is better entertainment than TV can offer at home.

"I do not believe there is any point in rushing in and making every picture in three dimensions Some films do not need it.

"'Brief Encounter' would be no better or more effective a film were it re-made in three dimensions or colour. They would add nothing.

"But how I wish it had been possible to make 'Sound Barrier' in three dimensions. That would have meant something extra."

For its future "Roundies" Hollywood is using varying systems. Some of them just give the impression of depth, without actually being three-dimensional; others need special screens.

> **QUOTE**
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> "Looking through glasses at a cinema screen to get the effect of a third dimension is as old as the hills. People accepted it because they were tired of old fare. When the novelty wears off people will pick pictures as entertainment — not just because of a third dimension."

Some films will have to be viewed through those irritating glasses (as in the British Telekinema), which will either have to be paid for by the customer as an "extra" at the box office or given away free of charge by the film company.

When these "round films" are shown there will have to be changes in censorship. Dress styles and plunging neck-lines which were acceptable in ordinary flat films may have to be changed when the third dimension is added.

There will be new views about horror films. The old style chiller pictures of Bela Lugosi or Boris Karloff would be far too effective the new way.

There will be new concentration on the ability of stars to act. Directors will require something more than mere personality performances.

Careful!

HOW does the British invention for making Three-D films compare with the latest Hollywood devices?

Korda said: "It is excellent. There is no reason to feel worried. Our system is just as good as anyone else's. I believe that the extra cost of making a film in three dimensions would be around £25,000."

Obviously you do not spend that kind of "plus" money on a drawing-room comedy. Some stories will stay flat.

It is the showmen who put films on at the cinemas who will really have to be alive to the possibilities of the new style films.

As a producer Korda knows about selling films (he still earns about £10,000 a year from reissuing "Henry VIII"), but he says this about the cinema owners: "Things will not be as comfortable for them. There is no barrel of money for them to bury their heads in now."

I predict a "set-fair" future for Three-D. Hollywood sees in it a new "barrel of money." But that barrel should be marked: "Handle with care."

* *Bernardo Bellotto, Venetian artist (1720-80) painted landscapes in accurate detail. Became court painter at Dresden and in Warsaw, where he died.*

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"Maybe she can't act but I still think she's got a big future in Three-Dimensions."

"Ah, if we could only persuade the British to do a Tito on the Americans!"

London Express Service

THE QUEEN'S ADVICE CAN GUIDE COURSE OF GOVERNMENT

By George Edinger

GREAT crowds cheer the Queen of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland when she rides out to review her guards or drives in the great gilded coach of state to open Parliament. Few, though, ever think about the part the British monarchs play in Britain's Government.

Even those few would be puzzled to define it, for it depends so much upon the Sovereign's character. No monarch acts without the Ministers' advice and yet no monarch is simply a figurehead to deck the ship of state. The British Sovereign is the symbol of the unity that holds the Commonwealth together, but monarchs also play their part in government. The British Government is carried out according to the British Constitution. That Constitution, however, is unwritten. It is made up of custom, tradition and precedent.

Vast Powers

IN theory the powers of British Sovereigns are vast. They can make war and peace, appoint the ministers and preside at the councils of state and cabinet meetings. They can sit as judges in any court of justice, pardon offenders before trial and reprieve them after it.

These powers are never used in practice. They have lapsed sometimes by chance and sometimes by design, since so much of the Constitution depends on precedent. Thus in 1603, when King James I accepted the advice of Lord Chief Justice Coke, who told him that though he might sit as a judge he could not give a judgment, he set a precedent. Since then no English monarch has sat as a judge. It would be folly to waste time in court and sit there silent.

Again in 1714 when George I came from Hanover to be King of England he set, by chance, a most important precedent. It happened that the new King spoke no English. He could not understand what was being said by ministers in council, so ceased attending councils. Since then no British monarch has ever gone to a cabinet meeting.

In Royal Name

AND so by various means all the powers that monarchs might exercise have been given over to their ministers. But government is still carried out in the royal name. And it is customary for ministers to ask the monarch's opinion on important matters of state. They need not accept the opinion, but they respect it. For monarchs have been told, when heirs apparent, what precedents were set, when reigning monarchs met their various ministers.

So every Sovereign comes to Britain's throne with unique knowledge. For, what passes when a monarch meets a minister is usually kept secret from all except the heir apparent.

Monarchs have other advantages over those that rule the country in their name. A minister is likely to view matters from his party's standpoint. He will be acclaimed by his followers in what he does, and denounced by his opponents. The monarch stands outside the party fray and, being aloof, can see things more objectively.

So monarchs often do give guidance to their ministers. Just how effective his guidance can be, depends upon the monarch's character.

Queen's Advice

QUEEN Elizabeth II has just displayed a force of character that made her guidance most effective. It was at her suggestion that Mr Churchill's Government agreed to televise many details of the Coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey.

King George V guided his ministers three times at least. Once a liberal Prime Minister, once a Conservative Minister and once a Labour Prime Minister were swayed by him in very vital matters.

In 1910 the Liberal Government of Mr Asquith was quarrelling with the House of Lords. The Lords threw out the Liberal budget, and so the business of governing stood still. For administration cannot be carried on without the funds raised by taxes.

So the Government drew up a bill to curb the powers of the House of Lords. But before that bill could become law, the House of Lords themselves would have to pass it, and in the House of Lords the Government's supporters were a small minority.

To solve the problem Mr Asquith met King George V. The Liberal Prime Minister advised the King to create more Lords —only the Sovereign can create a Lord—and to choose them from Government supporters, thus ensuring that the Government majority would be safe.

Another Course

BUT King George suggested another course. Why not first hold a general election and thus test the country's feeling. If the Liberal Government got back again the Lords might be less obstinate, knowing that the Government had a majority in the country. Should Mr Asquith get his majority and the Lords still refused to pass his bill the King would then create new Lords.

Mr Asquith accepted that advice, went to the country and won his majority. The Lords reflected, and they passed the bill. The King had set a precedent. For no minister, since 1910, has asked a monarch to create new peers for passing measures through the Lords.

In 1922 the Coalition Government, an alliance of Liberals and Conservatives led by Mr Lloyd George, was broken by the votes of its Conservative supporters. Then the Conservative Ministers discussed who they should choose as leader, an important question, because that leader would become Prime Minister.

Most people thought that they would choose Lord Curzon, an ex-Viceroy of India with a fine record in both politics and government.

But George V thought the Prime Minister should be a House of Commons man, as all important business is done in the House of Commons. The Ministers were certainly influenced by that opinion. For, unexpectedly, they chose Mr Bonar Law, and not Lord Curzon.

Once more the King had set a precedent. No future Prime Minister is likely to be chosen from the House of Lords.

In 1931, when Britain faced an economic crisis, the Labour Prime Minister, Mr Ramsay Macdonald, consulted the King about the wisest thing to do.

This time George V advised the forming of an all-party National Government, with Mr Macdonald at the head of it. To this the Prime Minister agreed. He formed his National Government, appealed to the country and was returned with a record majority at an election immediately after. This may have set no precedent. But it certainly affected the future course of English history.

Like Umpires

IN such ways monarchs influence British politics and play their part in Britain's government. Like umpires at a game or experts at a conference, they are at hand to give their counsel when they are consulted. They are consulted on all important matters.

They stand bound by their Coronation oath to maintain the laws and customs of the land. And so they are a guarantee that change shall not be violent nor any minister abuse his power.

SECRETS MAN SETS RIDDLE

from
Henry Lowrie

Washington.

THE death of a diplomat makes big and mysterious news.

He is John Montgomery, who headed the Finnish Affairs division at the State Department.

And he was found in his bachelor apartment by Marvin Braverman, a lawyer who used to escort Margaret Truman around town.

Montgomery was strangled by a rope and a bathrobe cord. It was evidently suicide, but because he handled the secrets of a Russian neighbour Government, security agents were called in.

NO ONE knew why this diplomat, a handsome and wealthy Washington party guest, should kill himself.

Just before he took off his clothes and slipped the nooso around his neck he went to a party, but the police refuse to give any details because they "might cause international repercussions."

Apparently they unearthed one secret in Montgomery's life, for they said: "We are pretty sure we have found the motive."

But they are not revealing it and Washington is puzzled.

THE BOWERY, New York slum in which down-and-outs and alcoholics abound, is being cleaned up.

Three police stations have orders to pick up the derelicts.

Instead of putting them all in prison, as they used to do, the authorities are sending these men and women to centres in which they are given a six-month course on how to get back to normal life.

Most popular "life-savers"—chicken farming, painting, and toy repairing.

HARRY TRUMAN, relaxing in Independence, Missouri, has "finally and completely" turned down an offer of 100,000 dollars a year (£35,700) to be sales manager of a manufacturing firm and an even better offer from another outfit willing to give him an eight-year contract. His explanation—he doesn't want to capitalise on "the world's most honourable office."

TRAIN passengers are getting nervous about the Washington-New York run. Three times the brakes have failed because of interference. And in the latest wrecking attempt a sleeper was laid across the track. The driver saw it and stopped in time. G-men are hunting the saboteurs.

MR WOOD COWAN, who sits in Connecticut's State parliament, weighs only eight stone and will be able to dodge the taxes which he suggests in a Bill he will introduce.

Here are some of the taxes he proposes: If you are 6ft. it will be two dollars a year (14s. 4d.) and one dollar (7s. 2d.) for each inch over that height. If your waistline is 40 inches — two dollars plus a dollar an inch after that. If your feet are size 11—two dollars with an additional dollar for every extra shoe size.

Cowan says the big people occupy much more territory than the average man, and should be made to pay for it.

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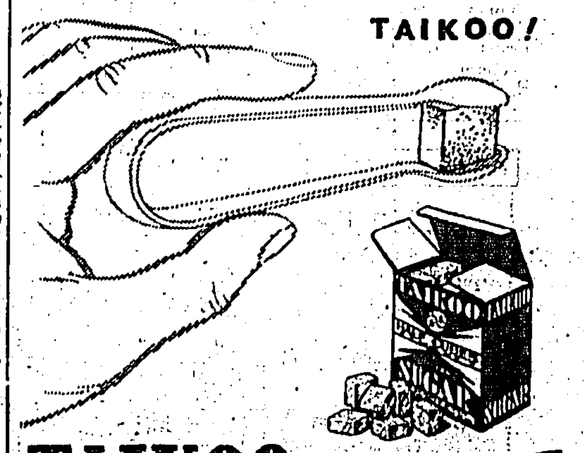

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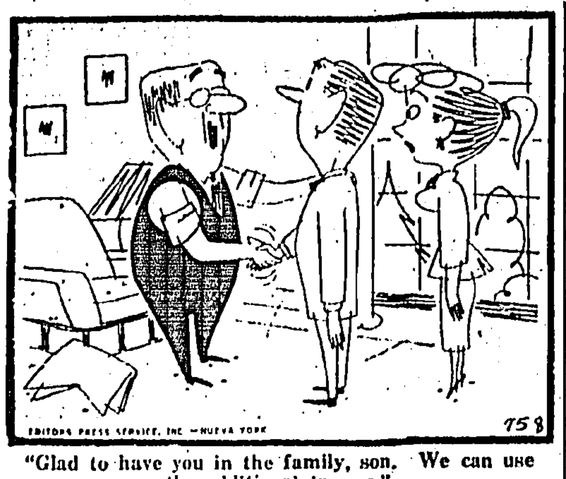
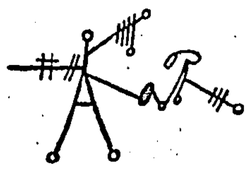


"Glad to have you in the family, son. We can use the additional income."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

I WAS late with my entry for the International Sculpture Competition, sponsored by the Institute of Contemporary Arts. Here is my "Unknown Political Prisoner."



Owing to the muddle in my studio, I am not quite sure that the above is not my study of a Belgian milkman. I always forget to put the titles to my work. But, anyhow, it is the right way up. I notched the top of it to make sure. Even those Philistines who know what they don't like will be able to discern the creative vision, integrity, and sense of values inherent in its abstract formalism.

Summing up

THE ingenuity of finding exactly the right kind of coal to increase the poisonous effects of fog is apparent in the figures for lost man-hours: 17,840,421 during the last month—this excludes woman hours and motor-car hours and plane-hours. Add to this the loss of fish-hours owing to the pollution of rivers, youth-hours owing to the pollution of youth by poisonous films and "comic" papers, and laundry hours owing to increasingly dirty linen, and it will be obvious that we are in a pretty filthy state.

The triumph of Suet (II)

"MY party," said Budanko, the leader of the Trotskyite Cultural Deviationist Peoples' Democratic Front, "wants your men to get this man Suet's documents."

The Chief of the Secret Police, Kaknic, smiled. "But that's the work we are being paid to do," he said, "by the Leninite-Stalinite Popular Democratic Workers' Party." "We'll pay you more than that crowd of bourgeois reactionaries," sneered Budanko. "That's what the People's Proletarian Democratic Party says," replied Kaknic suavely. "And so you," said the angry leader, "take money from all parties and betray all parties impartially." "Betrayal is an ugly word," said Kaknic, reaching for his revolver. "And you are an ugly beast," cried the leader, drawing a knife. Blood was about to flow, when the telephone rang. There was a brief conversation. "Pity's Democratic Agrarian Collectivists offer me 50,000 smackas," said Kaknic. "What's your offer?" "Sixty thousand," rapped out the leader. "Done," grunted the Police Chief. Knife and revolver were put away.

YOUR BIRTHDAY.... By STELLA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

BORN on the first day of the incoming sign, Pisces, you will be ruled by Jupiter, the God of Wisdom and helped by Neptune, the God of Inspiration. This is a strong combination and can result in high ideals and true inspiration. The influence of the declining Aquarius, can give you the leadership to carry your ideals into profitable production. You have a strong sense of duty and will carry out everything which you attempt to the most minute detail.

You can become obstinate and even pig-stubborn when it comes to having your own way about things. You want things your way—or else. And you will go without, rather than take second choice. Sometimes it might be better if you learned to compromise a little to stay in the running. Sitting out on the side-lines in a rush can get you nowhere, very fast! Although the road to success will not be an easy one for you, fame should come—and when it does, the chances are that it will outlive your own lifetime.

You are very attractive to members of the opposite sex and will probably have a number of romances which you may not take very seriously. In fact, you are a born flirt and unless you really settle down and decide upon some one partner for life, you just might end up by getting no one at all! This would be unwise, for you will be happiest if you have your own home and family circle as you grow older.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Telephone or write an old friend and plan for a reunion soon. It will be mutually enjoyable.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you have a brand new idea today, the chances are that it is well worth promoting. See that you do just that!

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Right now, hang on to what you have so that a little later, you can make that extravagant purchase.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't push yourself too much. Things may not be running too smoothly. Don't get hooked!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—See that important documents are put away safely. To lose one, might cause considerable trouble.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be tactful if you find it necessary to give orders today. You can get much more co-operation that way.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If asked to contribute your services to some charity affair, do so graciously. You can also benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If in doubt about something important, seek the expert advice of someone who can really help you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Don't let yourself be misunderstood. Put any contract in writing. Don't depend upon verbal consent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If offered added responsibility at your job, accept it, for you should be ready, now, for advancement.

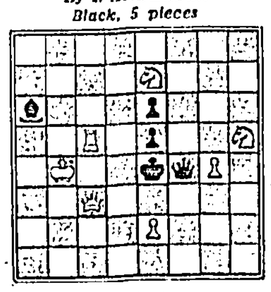
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Concentrate on important business. Don't neglect details out of carelessness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't make any change in prearranged plans if you can help it. Stick to your casual routine.

CHESS PROBLEM

By I. ANDERSEN

Black, 5 pieces



White, 7 pieces
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, R×P, any; 2, Q, R, or Kt (dbl ch) mates.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

DECEPTIVE

By T. O. HARE

"THIS'LL fox you, Pa," said Rabbitt's daughter Belinda.

"What will fox me?"

Belinda produced a half-sheet of notepaper.

"The sum of 63 and 36," read Rabbitt, "is 99. The square of 99 is 6131. What is the difference between 63 and 36?"

"I don't get it," said Rabbitt. "The answer's 97, obviously."

"Wrong," said Belinda. "I said it would fox you. Everyone falls into the same trap."

"I still don't get it," said Rabbitt.

"My poor Pa," said Belinda. "Surely you know that the square of 99 isn't 6131? It's a code. Each digit represents a different one."

"And you want the answer in the same code: is that it?"

"Of course, Pa," said Belinda.

It took Rabbitt five minutes to produce the answer.

What is it?

London Express Service.

(Solution on Page 10)

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Knows When To Break the Rules

	NORTH	20
	♠ Q 6 2	
	♥ 10 5	
	♦ 10 8	
	♣ A K 10 7 5 2	
WEST		EAST
♠ 10 9 3		♠ K J 8 7 5
♥ K J 7 2		♥ 9 6
♦ Q 9 4 2		♦ J 6 3
♣ J 6		♣ Q 9 4
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ A 4	
	♥ A Q 8 4 3	
	♦ A K 7 5	
	♣ 8 3	

North-South vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♠ 10

By OSWALD JACOBY

EXPERTS make more unusual plays than average players do because an expert knows when to break the rules.

Take the case of the old bridge rule: "Second-hand low." Millions of bridge players follow this rule obediently, without ever questioning it. They are usually right in so doing, but the expert finds the right time to break such a rule—as in today's hand.

West found the killing opening lead when he opened the ten of spades. Dummy played low, and East signalled enthusiastically with the eight of spades. Declarer took the ace of spades and led a low club, properly enough.

The average West player would meekly play his low club, and declarer would make his contract by finessing dummy's ten of clubs. East would win this trick with the queen, of course, but would then be unable to defeat the contract.

Dummy's queen of spades would be a sure stopper, and declarer would make his game contract with five club tricks, two diamonds, one heart, and one spade.

The expert West foils this plot by playing the jack of clubs at the second trick! This simple "second-hand-high" play has a profound effect on the play of the hand.

If West is allowed to hold the trick with his jack of clubs, he can lead another spade to defeat the contract at once: If dummy wins the first club trick, the club suit can never be brought in. And without the long club suit, South cannot hope to make his game contract.

CARD Senses

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Heart	Pass	1 Spade	Pass
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You, South, hold: Spades K-J-3-2, Hearts A-Q-J-9-3, Diamonds A-5, Clubs 3-2. What do you do?

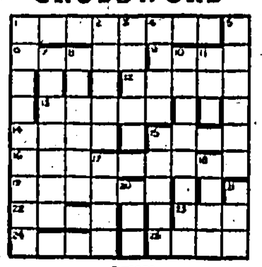
A—Bid three spades. You have a count of 18 points—15 in high cards, 2 points for the doubletons, and 1 point extra for the king of spades. You can afford to invite a game, but you cannot quite guarantee it.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-3-2, Hearts A-Q-J-9-3, Diamonds A-Q-5, Clubs 3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Diligence. (5)
6. Doesn't steal the most. (6)
9. With it you have the tune. (4)
12. Call to arms. (6)
13. Polite for us to return with a greeting. (5)
14. Part with for money. (4)
15. What happens to yarn. (4)
16. Intoxicate. (9)
19. Wine cask of 135½ gals. (6)
22. Close in one area. (4)
23. May suggest exposure to the sun. (3)
24. Look! (4)
25. Notice. (4)

Down

1. Deceptions. (9)
2. Habitual. (5)
3. Where a wreath comes from. (5)
4. Must be told, however late. (4)
5. Fame in short supply. (6)
7. Necessity of existence. (7)
8. Bring a mule to tea, by charm? (6) 10. Military defences. (8)
11. End the line. (3)
15. You'll find it a good riddle. (5)
17. Call of tree to dog? (6)
18. Part conveyance only. (4)
20. Would fly in a hill. (5)
21. Such thing gives choice. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across: 1, Organised; 7, Relieve; 9, Otos; 10, Orient; 11, Heraldry; 13, Heels; 17, Stole; 19, Over; 21, Paunt; 23, Vera (sea); 25, Rustle; 26, Aft; 28, Sorted; Down: 2, Drahcansir; 3, Relight; 4, Oligiose; 5, Neglect; 6, Peri; 8, Dyder; 9, Ore; 12, Drover; 14, Ants; 16, Averil; 18, Tarn; 20, Aul; 22, Bid.

DUMB-BELLS

WOMANSENSE

BACKWARDS & FORWARDS

By HAZEL MEYRICK

London.

Three versions of the forward line:

LEFT: Unpressed box pleats give front fullness to a dress by John Cavanagh in printed silk.

CENTRE: An organza boa is draped round the shoulders of Lachasse's silk suit with a tango line.

RIGHT: Mattli's suit with a contrasting sash tied round the hips of the skirt, slotted through the jacket.

LONDON'S couturiers have set the pendulum of fashion swinging — forwards for day clothes with jutting front drapery, backwards for evening gowns with bustles and trains.

But anyone looking for a Coronation line will not find it in Britain's top eleven, who have decided to be utterly British and ignore the Coronation altogether. So their clothes, while abounding in good taste, lack the colour and glamour hoped for in a year of pageantry.

It is the overseas visitor who will benefit most from the collections, for the couturiers are falling over each other to please her. Some designers concentrate on the two things Britain makes best, classic tweed suits and magnificent ball gowns. The rest, with an eye cast on the sunny south, display tropical weight coats and suits in silk, and the kind of dresses one should wear to an English garden party, but can't because it is too cold.

The forward movement is headed by Michael at Lachasse who shows the tango line. Sleeveless silk suits have low-cut jackets, their hems dipping towards the back. Skirts are bolstered out in front by unpressed box pleats.

The backward line is shown by Mattli, who gives his apron-fronted evening gown a bustle, and Hardy Amies, whose gowns have long, sweeping trains.

The decollete coat makes its first appearance at couture level, is shown with a variety of necklines, boat-shaped, horseshoe or deep plunging. These summer coats are fitted with flaring skirts and padded hips. They have a bare-armed look as well as a bare-necked one, for tight-fitting sleeves are lopped off just below the elbow, while some coats are sleeveless, with cape collars covering the shoulders.

Hips are back in fashion, the basques of most jackets being canvassed to stand away from the skirt. The waist remains in the right place, for the first time for several seasons. Digby Morton was the only designer to cling to the middy line.

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Colour has been disappointing, with porridge, oatmeal and gravel shades (all of them unbecoming to English complexions) used for suits, enlivened here and there by brilliantly coloured linings.

The greatest surprise of the collections has been the renaissance of navy. The little black dress is replaced by the little navy dress as the mainstay of everyone's wardrobe. Navy is seen for suits, afternoon dresses and even an evening gown by Hartnell.

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PETER RUSSELL turns his back on beige and offers a selection of new and violent colours — new geranium (a dizzy pink) for a summer coat, blue grass (an electric blue-green) for a theatre coat sprinkled with mink.

For shootin' (one of Mr Russell's favourite pastimes) there is a modified Norfolk jacket in vivid navy and yellow tweed, with a skirt with box pleats at the back for an easy stride. His town suits all have plunging necklines, the collars piped in contrasting colours.

VICTOR STIEBEL shows many draped dress. His little evening gowns have sashes looped round the hipline or falling free in loose panels. His evening gowns are magnificent with full crinoline skirts, lavish embroidery.

LACHASSE concentrates on dandy suits with cut-away jackets, straight tube skirts. He splashes buttons the size of saucers on many of his dresses, places them diagonally across loose summer coats. Talking point of his collection is an organza boa, like an elegantly vulgar paper chain looped round the shoulders of the model.

MATTLI shows two-piece dresses with dinner-jacket tails at the back, cut-away fronts. His dresses are either uncompromisingly slim or have enormous tiered skirts. He loops satin sashes across the hipline of his tailored suits.

HARDY AMIES has chiffon dresses with skirts pleated like the underside of a mushroom. His town coats hang straight from the shoulders with back fullness caught in by a belt. He advocates a more rounded silhouette for his suits, uses a voluptuous mannequin to show them off to advantage.

CHARLES CREED dips into the history book for his collection and names his clothes after ancient queens of England. There are Ethelburga and Hadvisa and a rather sober suit called Maud.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Shadows' Express Wagon

—Mr. Merlin Helped Knarf and Hanid Build It—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were starting to make a wagon for themselves, when a voice behind them said: "Ah, making a vehicle, eh?"

Knarf and Hanid looked around. They were delighted to see their friend Mr Merlin the Magician.

Hanid explained that she and Knarf had decided to build an express wagon. "Of course," she added, "we haven't got all the things we need to build it with, yet."

"What things?" asked Mr Merlin.

Need More Wheels

"We've only got one wheel, Mr Merlin. We're going to need three more."

"Ah," said Mr Merlin, thoughtfully.

"And we also need two axles to put the wheels on," said Knarf.

"Ah," said Mr Merlin again.

"And then," said Hanid, "we need a big box for the top, and a steering wheel and some rope to pull our express wagon with."

"Ah," said Mr Merlin several more times. Then he said with a smile: "Where are you going to get all those things that you need?"

Knarf and Hanid answered that they would have to hunt around for them. "Unless," said Knarf, "you know where we can find them right away."

"I do," said Mr Merlin the Magician.

Knarf and Hanid shouted with joy and begged Mr Merlin to tell them where they could find the things they needed for their express wagon.

"Got them right in my pocket," said Mr Merlin. "You don't think a magician like me would walk around without wheels and boxes and axles and steering wheels and ropes for an express wagon, do you?"

Pretty Strange

Knarf and Hanid thought it would be pretty strange for anybody to walk around with these things. However, they asked Mr Merlin to give them the three wheels.

"Certainly," said Mr Merlin. He reached into his pocket. "Here they are!" he said, showing three small round objects in the palm of his hand.

"Why, they're only pennies!" exclaimed Hanid.

"That's what you think," said Mr Merlin. The next second an amazing thing happened. Mr Merlin mumbled some magical words. There was a puff of smoke...and the three pennies became three wheels, just the proper size for the express wagon. Each of the wheels had a hole in the centre.

"Now," said Mr Merlin, "we need two axles, don't we?" He reached into his pocket again and took out two match-sticks. Again he mumbled a magic word, there was another puff of smoke and the match-sticks turned into axles of exactly the right size.

Mr Merlin had three small round objects in his hand.

He took the rest of the things needed for the express wagon out of his pocket, too. A tiny matchbox became the box on top of the express wagon. The steering wheel was made out of a pin and a button. The rope he made out of a thread. To finish the job, he wrote the words KNARF & HANID EXPRESS COMPANY. He wrote it with his finger.

Knarf and Hanid were delighted with the wonderful express wagon made by Mr Merlin the Magician. But a strange thing happened. As soon as the sun went down and Knarf and Hanid were returning home for dinner, they suddenly heard a tinkling and a crackling, and when they looked at the express wagon, there it was—just a little pile of pennies, match-sticks, a pin, a button and a thread!

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Rupert and the Hazel Nut—8

Bill Badger scratches his head in perplexity. "Well, my sandwiches have certainly gone," he murmurs. "If the squirrel didn't take them, who did?" Both the pals pause a moment in deep thought. Then Rupert stirs himself. "It's no good sitting still," he says. "Whoever took them can't be far away yet, so let's go on looking." As they move away another figure comes in sight. "It's an old lady from Nutwood," says Bill, "but surely she would never walk off with my sandwiches."

The Rupert Annual is still available

Dinner Ready In 20 Minutes

"Will this menu be satisfactory, Madame?" asks the chef.

20-Minute Dinner
Onion Soup
Individual Chicken Pies
Spinach
Sauteed Corn Kernels
Apricot Compote
Brazil Nut and Fruit Cake
Coffee Tea Milk

"First I heat the oven, ready to put in the chicken pies to bake. Then quick I start the onion soup from that good new dehydrated onion soup mix. Then I cook the two frozen vegetables. In 20 minutes the hot foods will all be ready. The dessert is already prepared, Madame, because you made the apricot compote.

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Apricot Compote

Put 1 lb. washed dried apricots in a qt.-sized saucepan. Add 4 c. boiling water. Cover and let stand overnight. Bring to boiling point, then simmer until barely tender. Gently stir in ½ c. sugar or honey according to taste. Cover, cool and chill. Serve plain, or with sliced bananas or sliced fresh pears, or topped with shredded cocoanut.

Brazil Nut and Fruit Cake

Into a bowl put 3 c. whole Brazil nuts (2 lbs. unshelled or 1 lb. shelled); add 1 lb. pasteurised pitted dates and 1 (8-oz.) jar drained maraschino cherries. Sift over ¾ c. already-sifted enriched flour, ¾ c. sugar, ½ tsp. baking powder and ½ tsp. salt. Mix thoroughly, so the nuts and fruit are covered with the dry ingredients.

Next, beat 2 eggs until foamy. Add 1 tsp. vanilla. Mix thoroughly into the nut and fruit mixture. Oil and line with waxed paper a 9 x 5 x 2½-inch loaf pan. Spread the cake mixture evenly in the pan.

Bake in a slow-oven, 300° F., for 1¾ hrs. Let the cake stand in the pan 5 min. Then remove and peel off the paper. Do not use for at least 24 hrs. Makes 1 (3-lb.) cake.

Trick of the Chef

To slice fruit cake thin, use a very sharp knife first dipped in boiling water.

A Dior Creation

By ALICE ALDEN

Already the bridal departments are busy as bridal gowns and trousseaux are paraded and chosen. Christian Dior, has designed some beautiful things for his made-in-New-York collection including this exquisite wedding dress of white ribbon lace over white net petticoats. It has a fitted bodice with a scalloped neckline and full length tapered sleeves. The white taffeta crushed sash ends in long streamers. A three-tiered veil for the all-lace wedding cap completes an ethereal bridal ensemble.

U.S. Ryder Cup Golfers May Play In The Dunlop Master Tournament

The American golfers competing in the Ryder Cup match at Wentworth on October 3 and 4 are likely to be invited to play in the Dunlop Master Tournament at Sunningdale three days later.

As the name implies, this tournament is limited to Master golfers. Apart from the American Ryder Cup team, 20 professionals will be invited to take part. They are the present holder, Harry Weetman; the winners of the eleven major tournaments of the season, and the remainder to be taken from the leaders of the Order of Merit table as at the 30th of August.

The winner of the Amateur Championship is also invited. If he accepts, a further professional from the Order of Merit table is to be invited to keep the number even. Should a competitor win more than one competition, the second qualification will be void and another player chosen from the Order of Merit table.

The tournament is over 72 holes stroke play and in the event of a tie for the first prize, those concerned will play a further 36 holes on Friday, October 9.

As usual, the British major professional tournament season commences with the Silver King £1,350 stroke play event at Moor Park. It was at this tournament last year that British Ryder Cup player Reg Horne became the first professional to win a big money tournament in Britain using a centre-shafted putter. To complete the debuts, this was Reg's first outright win in a British stroke tournament, although he has shared first place previously.

DUNLOP 2,000 GUINEAS

The next big event is the Dunlop 2,000 guineas Tournament. British players in line for places in the Ryder Cup team will take especial interest in this for it will be played on the Ryder Cup course at Wentworth. No doubt former Open Champion Max Faulkner is hoping that he can reproduce his form of the corresponding tournament last year played at Sunningdale.

For the five rounds his aggregate was 345. This was the lowest total recorded since the tournament was played over 90 holes. His 4th round of 65 is still a record for the course. Another stroke-play tournament, the Daks £2,000 will also be played at Wentworth from June 10-12.

The Ryder Cup possibles will also take special interest in the next tournament, the Penfold 2,000 Guineas, played on the Maesdu and North Wales courses. This tournament is played under match-play rules, the same as the Ryder Cup, and British players get all too little experience of this type of competition.

There are only two other match-play events. The Swallow - Harrogate 2,000 Guineas on the courses of the Pannal and Oakdale Clubs from July 21-25 and the British Match-Play Championship at Ganton, September 15-19.

It was on the Maesdu and North Wales courses last year in the Penfold tournament that Britain "discovered" one of her best match-play golfers. He is Eric Brown, a Scotsman. Eric turned professional six years ago after winning the Scottish Amateur Championship. But under the PGA's insistence that new members must serve a period of probation he was unable to play in PGA tournaments until last season.

FIRST EXPERIENCE

The Penfold was his first match-play tournament. After four days of great golf he won first prize, beating L.B. Ayton in the final by 6 and 5.

One of the most pleasant competitions is provided by the Spalding £1,350 tournament, August 12-14. It is played over the Worthing course situated on the rolling downs of Sussex a couple of miles from the sea.

For Tom Haliburton the tournament win provides bittersweet memories. Last year his first two rounds, of 61 and 65, set up all-time records for British tournament play. But in the next two rounds, played for the most part in a mist which came up from the sea, he could do no better than a 75 and 72. So after leading the field by seven strokes for the first two days, he had to be content with third place.

—(London Express Service)

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NINTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 21st February, 1953

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The programme will consist of 9 races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races—$18.00) also tickets at $2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 20th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
or
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "ALL CLEAR" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All-winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at $10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Compradore Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27018).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be $3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MIGA,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

1952-1953 Hong Kong Annual Open Championships

Entries are invited for the following events of the above Championships which are expected to begin on Monday, March 9, 1953:—

Senior Men's Singles
Senior Men's Doubles
Senior Mixed Doubles
Junior Men's Singles
Junior Men's Doubles
Junior Mixed Doubles
Senior Ladies' Singles
Senior Ladies' Doubles
Junior Ladies' Singles
Junior Ladies' Doubles

All members of clubs affiliated to the Hong Kong Badminton Association are eligible to compete. Any player in the Colony not being a member of any affiliated club may compete on payment of an affiliation fee of $2. in addition to the entrance fees for the events entered.

Any player who is playing in the Senior Division of the League this season and desiring to enter any Junior event in the Championships should submit his or her entry not later than 1 p.m., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1953.

All other entries close on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1953. Entry forms are obtainable from club representatives, sports stores, or direct from the Hon. Secretary, c/o China Mail.

R. TAY,
Hon. Secretary.

CHELSEA'S 18-YEAR-OLD

Miles Spector, Chelsea's schoolboy outside-left, passes across to Bentley to score Chelsea's first goal against Sunderland in the League match on February 7. Chelsea won the home match 3-2 after being two goals in arrears after the first half hour.

Cup Tie Football Still Sport's Biggest Money-Spinner

By JIM CHAMBERS

London, Feb. 19.

Cup Tie football in England is again proving to be the biggest money spinner in sport. But not for the professional soccer player, the worst paid big time athlete in the world at £14 a week.

During the current Football Association Cup tournament attendances have increased despite raised admission charges, and the end of season pool to be shared by the 92 clubs which form the English Football League is likely to be much bigger than the £97,295 of 1951-52.

There was a bonus after the clubs had shared the greater part of gate receipts from their games in the various stages of the national knock-out tournament.

NOT FOR PLAYERS

But the players saw very little of the money. And their "Cinderella" financial position has again been highlighted by the recent series between the Chelsea and West Bromwich Albion teams who played four games—a total of seven hours' football, including extra time—before Chelsea won their fourth round tie in this season's Cup tourney.

The winning Chelsea players collected a bonus of £10 from the gross gate receipts of £22,200.

The West Bromwich Albion boys got an extra £6 in their pay packets because they played three drawn games before losing. The Football Association allows clubs to pay £2 for a draw in Cup ties, and £4 for a win.

In normal Football League games the bonuses are £2 for a win and £1 for a draw.

Almost a year ago a Ministry of Labour Special Committee recommended that professional soccer players should be paid "substantially more" than their present £14 a week. The Committee was set up after a dispute between the English Football League and the Players' Union.

So far, the clubs of the English League have not acted upon this recommendation on weekly wages. But the English Football Association has raised the fee paid to a footballer when he is chosen to represent his country.—Associated Press.

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club selections for League cricket, hockey and soccer matches this week-end:

CRICKET

Craigengower C.C. v Club de Recreio at King's Park on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—G. A. Souza, G. Hong Choy, M. J. Divecha, W.H.E. Colledge, D. Bottomley, K. Y. Tam, H. P. Madar, M. Singh, G. Saunders, R. C. Chetwynd, R. Manley, J. Heywood.

RAF 1st XI v Hongkong C. C. "Optimists" at Kai Tak on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—Sqn/Ldr Kingsford (Capt.), Wg/Cdr Kettlewell, Sqn/Ldr Chapman, Sqn/Ldr Bleeck, Flt/Lt Graham, Fg/Off. Stappard, Fg/Off. Lee, Wt/Off. Walker, Flt/Sgt Mitchell, LAC Orbell, Cpl West, 12th man.—Cpl Salter. Umpire.—SAC Bruce.

RAF 2nd XI v Hongkong University at Pokfulam on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—Sqn/Ldr Shephard (Capt.), Sqn/Ldr Orbell, Wt/Off. Edwards, Snr/Tech. Thomas, Sgt Horsham, Wt/Off. Watkins, Cpl Barnett, LAC Vernon, LAC Ellis, LAC Woodward, LAC Brennan, 12th man.—Cpl Unwin. Umpire: LAC Nichols. Scorer.—LAC Shephard.

Club de Recreio 2nd XI v Army at Sookunpoo on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—Dr H. P. L. Ozorio (Capt.), E.A.R. Alves, C. A. Guterres, J. A. Guterres, M. A. Guterres, H. F. Ozorio, L. J. Remedios, R. A. Remedios, P. M. N. da Silva, C. A. Yvanovich, E. J. Noronha.

Players are requested to meet at the Club Lusitano at 1.15 p.m. sharp.

Hongkong C. C. "Optimists" v R.A.F. at Kai Tak on Saturday and Hongkong C. C. "Scorpions" at Chater Road on Sunday at 1.30 p.m.—D. McLellan (Capt.), G. T. Rowe, N. E. Arthy, L. D. Kilbee, G.H.P. Pritchard, R. W. Franklin, R. M. Macpherson, H.R.O. Hubble, R. H. Hughes, T. P. Mahon, K. G. E. Spink. 12th man.—F. B. Thorp. Umpire.—A. Zimmern (Sunday only). Scorer.—R. McAdam.

Indian R. C. 1st XI v Kowloon C. C. at Cox's Road on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—A. R. Kitchell (Capt.), A. R. Abbas, F. M. el Arculli, Sherry Bucks, R. A. Bux, A. H. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, K. Nasarin, A. R. Razack, Ador A. Rumjahn, M. T. Samad. Umpire: G. M. Butt. Scorer: A. M. Wahab.

Indian R.C. 2nd XI v Diocesan Boys' School at Homantin on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—M. A. Wahab (Capt.), A. Rashid Abbas, S. E. M. Bux, S. F. Charia, T. E. Chiba, Adam Khan, Ali Khan, Ebrahim Mirza, A. M. Omar, M. Yaqub Samad, M. Yusuf Samad. Umpire: K. M. Omar. Scorer: Osman Adam.

HOCKEY

New Dharat Club v Sookunpoo on Sunday at 1030 a.m. on Happy Valley Pool ground.—Omar, Karnail, Asgar Ali, Harnam, Ratten, Gurbax, Hegde, Sarwan, Mohinder, Uttam, Gurcharan, Reserves. — Jaipaul, Tehal and Jagish.

DR. J. C. GREGORY RESIGNS CAPTAINCY

London, Feb. 19.

Dr John Collin Gregory, 49, quit today as captain of Britain's Davis Cup tennis team because of business pressure. He has been skipper of the national team since 1949.

Gregory, who won the Australian Singles title in 1929 and reached the final of the Wimbledon Men's Doubles the same year, helped Britain defeat Yugoslavia 3-2 in their 1951 European Zone Davis Cup match.

When an injury put Geoff Paish out of the team, the 48-year-old Gregory partnered Britain's top star, Tony Mottram, in the vital Doubles match which they won in five sets.—Associated Press.

WORLD'S HARDEST-HITTING 9-STONE FIGHTER HAS THE PUNCH OF A WELTERWEIGHT

Says PETER WILSON

Paris.

The hardest-hitting nine-stone man I have ever watched, Percy Bassett, the Negro featherweight from the State of Virginia, won the "interim" World Championship on February 9 when Ray Famechon, featherweight boss of Europe for the past half decade, was unable to leave his corner for the fourth round at the Palais des Sports.

I am taking nothing from Bassett—a truly great fighter; don't pretty him up by calling him a boxer—when I say that I have never seen Famechon fight such a truly stupid contest.

Up against a man who could, and clearly did, outpunch him by a stone—I am not exaggerating when I say that Bassett hits like a welterweight—the Frenchman for some reason decided to punch it out with the compact, muscular, coloured man.

From the moment he made up his mind to do this the issue was never in doubt.

HOW LONG?

It then became merely a question of how long it would be before Bassett caught up with his man.

Actually he did so right at the end of the third round. Famechon, wearing that familiar look of a puzzled frog, was driven round the 12-corded ring until his frantic fight was halted by the thump across his shoulder blades.

Then it happened, right above my head.

Bassett landed with a left, a right, and another left—all the copybook punches, delivered with the knuckle part of the glove flush on Famechon's jaw.

But this was more than punching—Famechon was riveted like a man getting a cashing.

The first left brought his hands down to his waist.

The right had him standing at attention, and the guillotine punch which ripped his feet from under him and sent him with his head penduluming from the bottom rope to the canvas must have landed after consciousness had fled his fuddled brain.

There was never the slightest likelihood of his getting to his feet inside ten seconds, although instinctively he did get his shoulders from the boards by eight.

And I felt that the referee's "dix" (10) had beaten the bell.

CRUMPLED MAN

But it was decided that the gong had just saved Famechon and they carried him, a crumpled parcel of nerveless flesh, to his stool.

They shouted at him and gave him smelling salts and splashed him with water and slapped his face and did all the things which have been done from time immemorial to fighting men who have gone into the black hole of concussion.

They could have saved their breath and their water and their salts. Ten minutes would not have been enough to restore ex-Ray.

At the end of one minute Bassett came running across the ring. This, too, was unnecessary, because although they shoot maimed horses they don't let you hit a helpless man.

Famechon's handlers were still round him. The referee moved across.

The fight was over and Sandy Saddler, the other coloured American who still, technically, holds the world's featherweight title, and who was at the ringside in G. I. uniform, must have had more than something to think about.

I said that Famechon fought a foolish fight—and so he did.

But in all fairness I do not believe that either he or any other 9st. man now operating could stand up to 15 rounds against the dark man from Virginia.

What boxing there was, was produced by the Frenchman. He out-jabbed his man in the first round but these jabs were things of straw.

PUNCH PARTY

Even when he landed a good left and followed with a perfectly placed right cross to the jaw Bassett ignored them and joined in a punching party which had Famechon's corner shouting for caution.

It was the same in the second. Famechon side - stepped and turned his man into the ropes neatly. It was like trying to be scientific with a sawn-off gorilla.

Bassett, his thick lips protruding like black blades, never changed his expression. It was as though he said: "Be as smart as you like. You may run, but you can't hide in this lonely place."

He is, of all the fighters I have watched for years, the one who fights for keeps. It did not seem as though he would worry whether the fight were for 15 or 50 rounds.

Like the old-timers of half a century and more ago he fights to a finish.

Famechon ended the second round with a cut at the corner of his right eye and some damage to the left. I think he was a little ahead on points—but points seemed to matter little.

In the third Famechon's long, cordy legs—the legs of a cyclist—were beginning to tire. He held with those spaghetti-white arms, but trying to hold Bassett was like expecting to restrain a departing liner with the paper streamers which are thrown aboard.

After a minuet or so the referee forced himself between the men and forced Famechon to break. This he did, and Bassett scored with a punch to the jaw "on the break."

This is allowed in Britain and America, but is not countenanced in France.

There were shouts from France's former world champions, light-heavyweight Georges Carpentier, middleweight Marcel Thil, and featherweight Eugene Criqui round the ringside, but although it might have hastened the end it did not change the ultimate outcome.

Bassett was just too good. Much, much too good.

The one thing I hope is that those responsible for our own young prospect, "Smiling" Sammy McCarthy, have no ideas of him meeting Bassett for years. If they even meet in the street at this stage Sammy would be a smart boy to cross the road.

—(London Express Service)

PETER FALLON EARNS RIGHT TO TITLE FIGHT

Liverpool, Feb. 19.

Peter Fallon of Birkenhead tonight earned the right to meet Cliff Curvis for the British Welterweight Championship by outpointing Wally Thomas in the final eliminator.

It was a brilliant bout over 12 rounds with Fallon pulling out the vital rabbit in the last round to turn the scales in his favour.—Reuter.

Youngsters Hold Spotlight In First Day's Colony Tennis Championship Matches

By "ARGONAUT"

Youngsters took the spotlight in the opening matches of the Colony Open Tennis Championships at the Hongkong Cricket Club courts yesterday.

Although the three schoolboys seen in action yesterday were eliminated, they gave their more reputed opponents a keen fight in all their matches.

Outstanding among them was Ng Man-cheung who, though defeated by 2-6, 0-6 by former Colony semi-finalist Roch Leung, gave his more experienced opponent a closer tussle than indicated by the score.

A stylish player, Ng exhibited a good service and well-executed forceful ground strokes both on the backhand and forehand.

He held good leads in a number of the games both in the first and second sets, only to lose them in overhitting against a steadier opponent. A little improvement in his overhead strokes should see this youngster well into the fore in future years.

POWERFUL DRIVES

Another schoolboy, Tsou Chen - chung, bowed out to former Colony Champion Tsui Yun-pui by 2-6 and 4-6. Tsui did not appear to be extending himself, but was caught on a number of occasions with the youngster's strong first service and powerful drives.

Colony Schoolboys Championship runner-up Fritz Lin, after losing the first set by 1-6 to KCC's Kenneth Lo, staged a grand rally in the second set when he drew up from 0-3 to 4-4.

Costly errors at this stage gave experience its third comfortable victory of the afternoon.

Lin adopted the correct aggressive tactics and with a little steadiness and more accurate control of his length in his ground strokes could have reduced considerably the number of passing shots that went by him at the net.

Recent Schoolboy Doubles title-holder Chung Yue-to brought home the only victory for the youngsters yesterday with a comfortable 6-0, 6-0 triumph over Peter Ng and on his improved form should be able to give veteran V. T. Wang a close game this afternoon. Wang yesterday had the better of Chung's regular youthful partner, Choy Tin-king, by 6-4 and 6-0.

In the other games played yesterday, impressive form was shown by N. W. H. Calvert who disposed of Colony all-rounder B. T. Gosano by 6-1, 6-1. Calvert showed a strong service and scored frequently with fast forehand topspin drives.

THE SCORES

Roch Leung beat Ng Man-cheung, 6-2, 6-0.

Tsui Yun-pui beat Tsou Chen-chung, 6-2, 6-4.

Kenneth Lo beat Fritz Lin, 6-1, 6-4.

C. V. Kung beat J. E. Hellmann, 6-4, 6-2.

V. T. Wang beat Choy Tin-king, 6-4, 6-0.

Chung Yue-to beat Peter Ng, 6-0, 6-0.

Lee Lit-chun beat J. B. Liang 6-1, 6-1.

N. W. H. Calvert beat B. T. Gosano, 6-1, 6-1.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Court No. 1: Kenneth Lo v. Tsui Yun-pui; Court No. 2: Ho Ka-lau v. Lee King-fun; Court No. 3: Bernard Lee v. Iu Po-hay; Court No. 4: Sandy Lin v. P. L. Holmes; Court No. 5: Chung Yue-to v. V. T. Wang; Court No. 6: L. J. Wade v. R. E. Moore; Court No. 7, Peter Chan v. Khan; Court No. 8: Lee, Wai-tong v. J. R. L. Cook.

Home Soccer

London, Feb. 19.

Following were the results of football matches played today:

League II

Notts County 1 Luton T. 2

League III (Northern)

Barrow 5 Halifax T. 1

Both these matches were postponed last Saturday. February 14, as Luton and Halifax were engaged in the FA Cup fifth round.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby

THE MALPRACTICES IN RUGBY ARE PHYSICAL RATHER THAN FINANCIAL

Says PAT MARSHALL

London.

Stringent, almost harsh, rules laid down five years ago, plus the fact that Big Business is not interested—yet—leave Rugby Union the only purely amateur game among our major sports. Malpractices are physical rather than financial; fistic not fiscal.

Mind you, there is nothing to prevent a young player of ability from profiting by his prowess. Quite openly he can accept a fat cheque from some interested Rugby League (professional) club—Lewis Jones, late of Llanelly and Wales, banked £6,000 only a few weeks ago.

But he will never play Rugby Union again.

Contrary to popular belief, there is little or no under-the-counter stuff in this man's game, and the ruling bodies of other so-called amateur sports would be doing amateurism a service if they would only adopt Rugby's attitude to professionalism.

For instance, the Rugby lists what it calls "Acts of Professionalism" and any breach of them can mean life suspension.

IT'S INHUMAN

You cannot, if you play the 15-a-side game, get "lost time" payment for travelling or for training. You cannot play for "prospective" money. You must not be set up in a business as an inducement to play.

The game is not highly competitive in the sense that it is not organised into competitive leagues. So these laws and others like them are easy to administer and are rarely abused.

But do not run away with the idea that Rugby Union is true-blue, or lilywhite pure.

The players may be amateurs who get nothing more out of the game than a cauliflower ear, an occasional black eye and lots of boisterous good fun. But they are just as human as their shamateur and professional brothers, and just as often inhuman.

IT HAPPENS

A few years back one famous international centre told me quite openly: "I feel it is part of my job to take my opposite number in a delayed tackle as early on in the game as possible. It shakes him up so badly that he is unlikely to worry us for the rest of the game."

Why is the delayed tackle so much more "lethal" than a normal take-the-man-with-the ball effort? Because it is timed to take a man just after he has passed.

His stomach muscles are at full stretch; he is probably slightly off balance and he certainly will not be expecting to be assailed.

By going slightly higher than usual and turning his shoulder into his victim's stomach, the delayed tackler can put his man out cold for several minutes.

IT'S CRUEL

There is another innocent-looking and equally reprehensible piece of skulduggery whereby a man going down on the ball to stop a forward rush—which entails very little risk if done correctly—is "kneed" in the kidneys by some refugee from a cosh gang following up.

It is so easy to stumble as you come up to the man on the ball; it takes practice to ensure that your knees sink into the most damaging target.

Again there are those insufferable tricks in the line-out: the tug at a man's shorts as he jumps for the ball; the stabbing agony of a studded boot on the foot of a line-out expert just that split second before he attempts to take off.

And the things that go on in a scrum! Such things as the hooker having both his eyes "filled in" for a start so that he can hardly see the ball when it does come in.

A few years ago, the then Bishop of Newcastle—a keen Rugby fan who rarely missed his Saturday afternoon game—was being taken to task by a lady.

"My dear bishop," she said, "I really don't know how you can watch such a game; the language coming from those young men is terrible."

"My dear lady," replied the bishop, "it's quite evident you've never been in a scrum, otherwise you'd understand!"

GET TOUGH!!

You will notice that I have listed only the deliberate and intentional fouls. Blows struck in the heat of battle—good, solid, old-fashioned swings at the jaw—are a Rugby player's occupational risk. They are aimed without real malice and certainly with no aforethought. Young men are apt to "blow their top" on occasions. If they were not, Rugby would not be a grand, full-blooded game.

You cannot legislate against the momentary show of temper. But something must be done about the deliberate sadist—fortunately not a type who abounds—and the petty cheat whose activities in and around the scrum and line-out are usually the cause of all the flares-up.

The answer is stricter refereeing. But until the Rugby Union and the various county unions give the referee whole-hearted and solid backing all the time I cannot foresee any change.

Yet I am certain that if the player who deliberately inflicts injury or is over fond of "putting in the boot" were sent off and punished by a long suspension; if the cheat were given marching orders after, say, one warning, flares-up on the Rugby field would be as rare as a brawl in the House of Lords.

—(London Express Service)

Rugger Results

London, Feb. 19.

Rugby League Cup First round, second leg results today were:

Rochdale Hornets 15, Wigan 24 (Rochdale eliminated).

Rugby Union Hospitals Cup second round results were:

University College Hospital 3, London Hospital 15.

Other match: Army 0, British Police 0 (at Swansea).—Reuter.

Indians 167 For 5 In Third Test

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Feb. 19.

India batted all day to make only 167 for the loss of five wickets when the third Test match against the West Indies opened here today.

The West Indies, having won the second Test, lead in the series by this victory. The first Test was drawn.

Indian batsmen were on the defensive throughout most of the day after an early shock when Apte was clean bowled by Gomez with only six runs on the board.

Ramchand joined Roy, and they raised the score to 41 at lunch without further loss.

Ramchand was severe on short length balls. He hit 27 of the 41 runs scored in 90 minutes before lunch, 20 of them from boundaries.

The West Indies relied on medium pace rather than pace for their attack in the morning, but Ramadhin was called in for the last over before lunch.

The second wicket stand produced 81 runs—the best of the day, with Roy making 49 and Rrmchand 62.

Rrmchand reached his 50 in 86 minutes, with ten fours as his chief strokes.

Stollmeyer kept a spin attack at one end, with medium pacers at the other, and this policy succeeded for Worrell claimed the wickets of Hazare and Roy in successive overs.

Hazare glanced a ball into Rae's hands at short leg and Roy cut a rising ball outside the off-stump for Weeks to make a catch in the gully.

LOST ADVANTAGE

Umrigar opened with two singles but then pulled Ramadhin for the first six of the match, and at tea, with four wickets down for 133, India appeared to have lost the advantage of winning the toss.

In the third over after tea Manjrekar gave Weekes his second catch, the batsman mistiming a lumper from King.

With things looking black for India, Umrigar and Mankad played a defensive game so that in the 90 minutes between tea and the close only 34 runs were added.

So defensive was the play that Valentine once bowled eight successive maidens. The spinners were given long spells at one end, while frequent changes were made at the other where faster bowling prevailed.

Bowling the last few overs before the close, King had all his fielders within six yards of the bat against Mankad, who managed to get two balls away for fours with a late cut and a glance.

Umrigar has so far batted 113 minutes, hitting one six and three fours in his 27, while Mankad, in a stay of 72 minutes, has hit only 12 runs, eight of them from two boundaries.

THE SCOREBOARD

India, 1st Innings

Apte, b. Gomez	0
Roy, c. Weekes b. Worrell	49
Ramchand, c. Legall b. King	62
V.S. Hazare, c. Rae b. Worrell	11
P.R. Umrigar, not out	27
Manjrekar, c. Weekes b. King	3
V. Mankad, not out	12
Sundries	3
Total for 5 wickets	167

Fall of wickets 1/6; 2/87; 3/117; 4/124; 5/136.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
King	21	6	46	2
Gomez	11	4	11	1
Worrell	19	8	28	2
Valentine	31	16	43	0
Ramadhin	15	7	36	0

—Reuter.

19 Cars Complete The 9,000-Mile Algiers To Cape Town Rally

Capetown, Feb. 19.

Nineteen cars finished the 9,000-mile Algiers-to-Cape Motor Rally today, winding up in front of the Town Hall here late this afternoon.

Eight of the vehicles came in with an equal number of points, and the elimination tests on Saturday which decide the rally winners will be keenly contested.

Twenty-three contestants set out 46 days ago for the gruelling trip across the Sahara Desert and the Belgian Congo.

As each car came in to the finishing post, crowds gave the driver a great cheer.

NO CONGO TROUBLE

The only car to get through the Congo without any trouble was an Italian Fiat 1900 cc, the biggest car produced by Fiat, and driven by Bruno Martignoni, the famous Italian racing motorist of Varese. His co-drivers were Franco Mazzucchelli, also of Varese, and Gino Rabezzana of Turin.

Martignoni was the winner of the 24-hour non-stop Casablanca race last June. This Italian team did so well in the rally that they were presented with a prize of 5,000 Belgian Francs by the Congo authorities for the fastest passage through the Congo.

"We have achieved a maximum number of points," said Mazzucchelli on arrival. "We are first in our section and also first in the overall class. We had no serious trouble, and arrived well ahead of schedule at all stops, except when travelling through the Sahara Desert. There we got in only two minutes ahead of schedule.

Six times we stuck badly in the sand and could move only two metres on our iron net before sticking again. Once we went right off our route in the desert but finally caught up with the others."

Martignoni's car is an ordinary tourist model with no special gadgets.—Associated Press.

SHEK-O GOLF

The results of the Chinese New Year Golf Competitions at the Shek-O Country Club were as follows:

Stableford.—R. J. Newton (8)—35 points (Winner); E. W. S. McGregor (9)—34 points (Runner up) (Best second nine holes).

Greensome.—A. Lyle & E. W. S. McGregor (11)—68; Mr & Mrs J. A. H. Saunders (20)—68 (Joint winners).

An Eclectic Competition is being held commencing February 22, and terminating on March 31.

A 36-Hole Medal Competition has been arranged for March 15, and entries will close on February 28. There will be a draw for partners for this Competition.

Entry Lists have been posted on the Club Notice Board.

This Could Be A Football Record

By "ALL-ROUNDER"

Twenty-three years running the line for his club Caistor Tennyson (Lincs) is the proud record of Tommy Beech. Apart from the War period he has not missed a match as linesman hail rain or shine. This could be a football record.

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When Bedhampton right back John McConell was injured playing against Havant Rovers in a Portsmouth League match, the hockey game on a neighbouring pitch was stopped so that McConnell's badly cut lip could be attended to by Dr P. J. Fawkner Corbett. The Havant hockey player sent the Bedhampton footballer off to hospital and both games were resumed!

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Barrowford Reserves in "B" Division of the Nelson and Colne Amateur League (Lancs) had not a victory to their credit this season until they beat North-Western Gas Board—but they made no mistake about this initial success for they won by 13-2. Listen to the Gasmen's tale of woe though. They started the game with only nine men, and finished it with seven!

ALL FROM LANCASHIRE

When it comes to managing League clubs, look at this list of officials all of whom were born in Lancashire; Walter Rowley (Middlesbrough), Don Welsh (Liverpool), Tommy Lawton (Brentford), Bob Jackson (Hull), Norman Bullock (Leicester), Frank Buckley (Leeds), George Roughton (Southampton), Jack Bruton, (Bournemouth), Harry Storer (Coventry), Norman Kirkman (Exeter), Louis Page (Swindon), Jack Hacking (Barrow), George Hunt (Southport), Dick Duckworth (Stockport), Bill Corkhill (Scunthorpe), Ernie Blackburn (Tranmere), and Walter Crook (Accrington).

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Charlton Athletic have a host of South African players on their books, all of whom they picked up in Union football, but two of them are qualified for England and Scotland—Ken Chamberlain and John Hewie — because their fathers were born in those countries, Hewie may well get his International "cap" this season.

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Is there a "jinx" on Hull City centre-halves? It is a fair question for Andrew Davidson's broken leg at Swansea is the latest incident in a series of such happenings during the past few months.

Harold Mcens damaged an Achilles tendon in a practice match in December, and when recovered collided with a colleague and badly bruised his thigh.

Next Neil Franklin, former England International, went back to hospital after a friendly match with Lincoln because of further damage to the cartilage he injured last season. Then Ted Tarrant is on the casualty list with severe abdominal trouble. Who is next for the job?

23 GOALS IN A MATCH

Four players alone contributed the goals in Rabone's 23-0 victory over Phoenix Star in Division Two of the Handsworth (Birmingham) League. Melvin got eight and Dodds, Bent and Hodson scored five each, but they modestly admit that the other seven in the team had something to do with their overwhelming success.

Bloxwich Strollers, old established Birmingham League side, are doing very well thank you out of transfers. So much so that they have been able to start on their £1,100 tubular steel stand. They have just obtained £700 from Reading for the signatures of Fred Davis and Roy Green, and if the newly-signed pair make five appearances each in Reading's Football Combination side—which should not be too difficult—the Strollers will pick up an extra £250. On top of that there is an additional £100 to come if they make Reading's first eleven.

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Greenfield FC have lost all 16 matches they have played in the Darwen (Lancs) Amateur League this season, and their goal average is fourteen for and 123 against. They lost five of their players when Hoddleston FC was formed because those players lived in Hoddleston, and then goalkeeper George Jepson had his leg broken. Greenfield thought it all too much, and decided to close down, but on second thoughts they agreed to carry on, and will finish the season at least.

Oswestry Town, in the Birmingham League, have taken £10,000 in transfer fees from Sheffield Wednesday in the last three years! It must be a record for a minor club.

The £5,000 the Yorkshire club paid for outside-left Billy Shadbolt is a Birmingham League record. Two others who made the move and brought in a like sum were Keith Thomas, now with Cardiff City, and George Davies, who has just regained his first team place at Sheffield. And to think that Oswestry snapped up Shadbolt from under the eyes of his native Shrewsbury Town!

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Ninth Race Meeting of the current season, to be held tomorrow afternoon, will again consist of nine events, the most important of which are the two sections of the Knavesmire Handicap for Class 2 ponies.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will commence promptly at 2 p.m.

Here are my estimates of the chances.

FIRST RACE

Beverley Handicap: 1¼ Miles.

The opening race tomorrow afternoon, is confined to Class 7 ponies to be ridden by approved novice riders who have not won ten races at any time, anywhere. I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the ponies to watch in this race are Great Conqueror (Mr K. C. Wong), Madame Butterfly (Mr H. K. Cheng), The Hopeful (Mr Yen), Empress of Peace (Mr E. S. Wong), and The Stranger (Mr T. B. Dau).

Great Conqueror, judging from its second placing in the Western Handicap over the two-mile post on the second day of the Annual Race Meeting, should have a good chance of winning, but Madame Butterfly is not to be ignored although it ran unplaced in the above race. But over this distance it is capable of extending Great Conqueror.

The Hoepful did not impress in its last outing, but may do better tomorrow. Empress of Peace is good over this distance and should not be disregarded. For a long shot I suggest keeping The Stranger in mind.

SECOND RACE

Knavesmire Handicap (First Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

Expectations of a close and exciting finish should be fulfilled in this sprint race for Class 2 ponies in which the following should be prominent:—Bankfoot (Mr Samarcq), Prestwood (Mr Ostroumoff), Squadron Leader (Mr Kwok), Chinese Mackerel (Mr Ng) and Emerald (Mr Renfrew).

Bankfoot was made hot favourite at the Annual Race Meeting in the Ladies' Purse over the mile, but disappointed its backers by running unplaced. As it has shown improvement since then, it should be very near at the finish.

Prestwood, which was disqualified after winning the P. & O. Cup for Class 3 ponies for crossing at the Carnival, stands the best chance of winning as this pony seems to like running and, once on the move, is not easily beaten.

Squadron Leader is another pony that can move some, but it may disappoint again, whilst Chinese Mackerel and Emerald are not bad over this distance.

THIRD RACE

Wetherby Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race is for the first lot of Class 5 ponies and the winner should come from among Crusherhouse (Mr Needa), United Victory (Mr Chun Kit), Concord (Mr Auchnie), Pearl of Hongkong (Mr Samarcq) and Air Power (Mr Kwok).

Crusherhouse won the Western Handicap over the two-mile post at the Annual Meeting for Class 7 ponies and so for tomorrow afternoon its weight has gone up by 5 lbs. I believe that it can still win here.

The strongest opposition will come from United Victory. The pony is certainly very fit at the moment and on that account should certainly fight out the finish.

Concord is not a bad selection for a place bet and for those who are looking for outsiders I suggest Pearl of Hongkong and Air Power.

FOURTH RACE

Sedgefield Handicap: Six Furlongs.

Class 7 ponies will form the opposition in this sprint race and, from the entries, it appears that Lady Gloucester (Mr Botelho) should have a good chance of winning if it succeeds in getting off quickly on the rise of the barrier.

Otherwise I look to High Straight (Mr Ostroumoff) as the likely winner.

Radio Star (Mr Chuang) and Santa Claus (Mr Tsai) have shown improvement in their morning gallops and may do well here if not actually win.

Douces Wild (Mr H. C. Woo) is another candidate good enough to extend the field.

FIFTH RACE

Almsty Plate: One Mile.

In this race, Diamond Dahlia (Mr Samarcq) should have an opportunity to score a win against the rest of the field if we are to judge by its performance in the Leighton Hill Stakes (First Section) over this distance at the Annual Meeting when it lost to Gabriel Junks by 2½ lengths in the good time of 1.48.2 seconds.

There is Jip On (Mr K. Kwok) to be considered as this pony came third in the Hopeful Stakes (Fourth Section) and I think it will give Diamond Dahlia a good run for the first position.

Mincola (Mr Renfrew) and Boyne (Mr Ostroumoff) should fight out third place.

SIXTH RACE

Knavesmire Handicap (Second Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

Confined to the second batch of Class 2 ponies, it will be no easy task to pick the winner of this race as several good ponies are included in this section.

I believe, however, that the finish will be fought out between Ben More (Mr Kwok), Johnber (Mr Chuang), Clonfeckle (Mr Samarcq) and World Peace (Mr Oliveira).

Ben More, which came third in the Ladies' Purse over the mile at the Carnival, will probably start favourite and the distance is to its liking.

Johnber is also in this race if it starts well, as it was a neck behind Gold Cup, the winner in the Alveston Handicap (First Section) at the 6th Race Meeting after leading all the way.

Clonfeckle should be placed and World Peace may be worth following as an outsider.

SEVENTH RACE

Wetherby Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This event will be contested by the Second Section of Class 5 ponies.

American Carrot (Mr Ng) came third in the Pathway Handicap (First Section) over the Champion distance at the Annual Meeting and on that showing it should stand a good chance of winning here.

Valbridge, which was officially fourth in the above race, will have a change of jockey in Mr Ostroumoff and if it does not remain too far behind on coming down the straight it should give American Carrot a great fight for the premier position.

New Zealand (Mr Tsai) and Brivisio (Mr Samarcq) are the other two ponies amongst the entries which can be relied on to do well.

EIGHTH RACE

Bramham Moor Handicap: From 1½ Mile Post.

This is another sprint event in which Class 8 ponies will figure. Judging from its win in the Encouragement Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs for Class 9 ponies, with Mr Boycott up, the last time out, Matador (Mr Chuang) will be made firm favourite, and it should not disappoint.

There is, of course, just a possibility that Dashing Beauty II (Mr K. S. Shu) may cause an upset, provided it does not suffer from a bad start.

Festival View (Mr H. C. Pih) is coming along nicely in its morning training and if given a flying start it should be well in the race.

The shorter distance also favours Rebel II (Mr Samarcq) and Calamity (Mr Boycott) and any one of them may provide a surprise.

NINTH RACE

Catterick Bridge Handicap: 1¼ Miles.

This race for Class 8 ponies will wind up the day's programme. I think the two best ponies for this distance are Henrietta (Mr Kwok) and Prince Dahlia (Mr Chun Kit).

Henrietta was second to Mastery in the Helios Handicap over the mile on the last day of the Annual Race Meeting and judging on that performance alone I fancy it to win.

Prince Dahlia is dangerous; its chances of winning here will depend a good deal on strong urging on the part of its jockey. Mr Chun Kit can be expected to get the best out of his mount.

Henrietta should prove to be a little better over this distance and should win, with Prince Dahlia second, leaving Bright Bay (Mr Chuang) and Crown Witness (Mr Peter Young) to fight out third place.

H.K. BISLEY

RAF Win The Sporting Arms Cup

The Royal Air Force "A" team won the Hongkong Sporting Arms Cup in the fourth day of the Hongkong Bisley at Kai Tak range yesterday.

Best shooting of the day at 600 yards during yesterday's events was performed by RSM Herbert of HMS Tamar who scored 44 out of a possible 50.

The most exciting event was the pistol competition for the K. B. Lee Cup, which was won by the Royal Tank Regiment who beat the Royal Norfolk "A" team. There were 11 team entrants for this competition.

Major General R. C. Cruddas, GOC, Land Forces, who will present the trophies today, again visited the range yesterday and took part in the pistol side shows.

Results of yesterday's events were:

K.B. Lee Cup; pistol event: 1, 7th Royal Tank Regiment; 2, 1st Royal Norfolk Regiment "A".

E.U. Cup; team and individual rifle event: Teams, 1, Wiltshire Regiment "A" 1,152 points; 2, RAF "A", 1,049 points; 3, 9th Squadron RAF "A", 1,045 points.

Individuals: 1, RSM Herbert 316 points; 2, S/L Dockerty 311 points; 3, Cpl Dyer 306 points.

Hongkong Sporting Arms Cup: Team, 1, 94 Squadron RAF "A" 327 points; 2, 1st Wiltshire Regiment "A" 320 points; 3, Hongkong Regiment 320 points.

Individuals: 1, P.O. Carter 88 points; 2, Cpl Cox 87 points; 3, Sgt Dunkin 84 points.

Morse Cup. Team: 1, 1st Royal Ulster Rifles "A" 157 points; 2, 1st Wiltshire Regiment "A" 156 points; 3, 94 Sq RAF "B" 155 points.

Individuals: 1, Capt Roberts 44 points; 2, Cpl Zain 43 points.

Pendall Hops Another 17 Inches

Signalman Alan Pendall hopped, stepped and jumped within 2½ inches of the official Colony record when he cleared 43 feet 5 inches at Boundary Street yesterday in the HQLF Base Units Athletic Championships.

He had cleared 42 feet at the 40th Division Royal Artillery meeting on Tuesday.

Pendall's new best mark is, curiously, not a local Army record and not even a Royal Corps of Signals record. Sgt. T. Moynan of the Signals holds both these with 43 feet 9 inches at the Army Championships at Sookunpoo in 1950.

However, Pendall's performance is the fourth best ever in Hongkong and he is well on his way to the Colony Championship.

Johnny Carvalho Wins Chess Club Championship

Johnny Carvalho has won the Kowloon Chess Club Championship with two successive victories against Karel Weiss in the best-of-three play-off after the two had tied on points in the Championship tournament.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 27th day of February, 1953, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 13th of February to Friday, the 27th of February, 1953, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager

Hongkong, 13th Jan., 1953.

NOTICE

HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., at 5.30 p.m. TO-DAY.

All members are earnestly requested to be present and an invitation is cordially extended to members of the public interested in Child Welfare.

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Telephone House, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong) on THURSDAY, the 19th day of March, 1953, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952, to confirm the appointment of a Director, to re-elect a Director and to appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th March, 1953 to the 19th March, 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th Feb., 1953.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG
PROBATE JURISDICTION

In the Goods of FRANCISCO JOSE BRITTO PERES DA SILVA, late of No. 188, Nathan Road second floor Kowloon in the Colony of Hong Kong, Retired Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 53 (1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance (Cap. 10 of the Revised Edition 1950), made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 9th day of March 1953.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 9th day of February 1953.

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1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and the Auditors' Report thereon.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1952.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 21st February, 1953 to 6th March, 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
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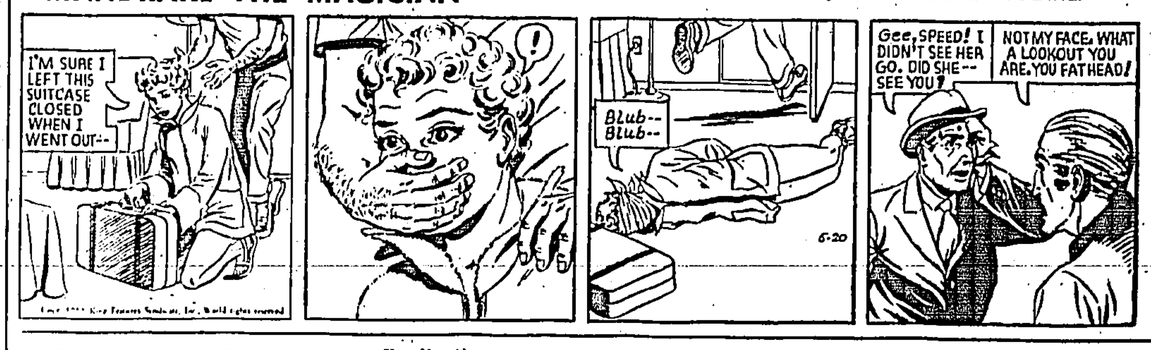

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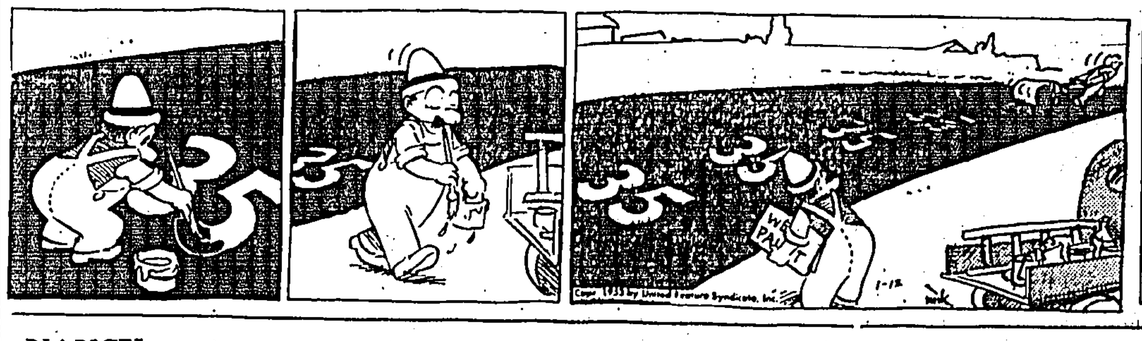

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They left by plane for San Francisco whence they will fly to Formosa.

Adm. William Fechteler, Chief of Naval Operations, and Gen. Lemuel Shepherd, Commandant of the Marine Corps, were among the American officers who saw them off.

Adm. Ma and Gen. Chou inspected Naval installations in San Francisco and San Diego, California, and Norfolk, Virginia. Their tour was climaxed by a reception held for them on Wednesday night at the residence of the Chinese Ambassador, Dr Wellington Koo. The reception was attended primarily by high Naval officials on whom the visiting Chinese officers had called during their seven-day stay in Washington.

Among others present were Gen. Shepherd, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs John Allison, Senator John Sparkman, who ran for Vice-President on the Democratic ticket during the recent US election, Senators Joseph McCarthy and Bourke Hickenlooper.—United Press.

Building Airfields

Paris, Feb. 10.

Ministers of 14 North Atlantic Treaty countries are expected to approve the spending of a further £80,000,000 on communications and airfields building in Europe at a meeting to be held here on April 23, Lord Ismay, British Secretary-General of NATO, stated today. The Ministers will be attending as the Atlantic Pact Council.—Reuter.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

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	Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Yokohama & Kobe
*"MEINAM"	Apr. 3	Apr. 3	Japan
			Homeward For
†"FRY HILL"	Mar. 7	Mar. 7	N. Africa & Europe
*"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Marseilles via Manila
†"COURSEULLES"	Apr. 8	Apr. 8	N. Africa & Europe
†"MEINAM"	Apr. 29	Apr. 29	N. Africa & Europe

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NOTICE

JAPAN/PERSIAN GULF/JAPAN CONFERENCE

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SULTAN'S VISIT TO BRITAIN

London, Feb. 10.

The 42-year-old Sultan of Muscat and Oman, Saiyid Said bin Taimur, arrived here today by sea on a private visit.

He signed a new treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation with Britain on December 20, 1951. This reaffirmed the close ties which have existed for over 150 years between Britain and the independent Sultanate.—Reuter.

Copra Quotation

New York, Feb. 10.

Copra was quoted today at $225 per short ton, asked. Cocoanut oil was quoted at 10½ cents a pound, asked.—United Press.

Peanut Oil Price In New York

New York, Feb. 10.

Prices in the seeds and oils market closed unchanged with the following exceptions:—

Peanut oil, per lb. F.O.B. New York 23½.

Flax seed, per bushel, F.O.B. Minneapolis. $3.04. — United Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Feb. 10.

Japanese bonds,

" "A" (4s.	of 1899)	83
" "B" (4s.	of 1910)	73
" "C" (5s.	of 1907)	120½
" "D" (5s.	of 1934)	103¾
" "E" (5½s.	of 1930)	105½
Consols		89⅛

—United Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per
"BENALDER"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godowns, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, at 10 a.m. 20th February, 1953.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd February, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 9th March, 1953, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO., (CHINA) LTD.
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Hongkong, 17th February, 1953.

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Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 20th February, 1953.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd February, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd March, 1953, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
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Hongkong, 18th February, 1953.

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Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 17th February, 1953.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th February 1953 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s/s "PELEUS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and Noon on February 21 and 23, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hong Kong, February 19, 1953.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Feb. 10.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb. March	78¼-½
April	78⅜-79⅛
May	78⅜-79⅛
Number 2 rubber, March	73½-74
Number 3 rubber, March	70½-71
Number 4 rubber, March	67½-67
Spot rubber, unbaled	76⅝-77¼
Blanket crepe	66⅛-66½
No. 1 pale crepe	90-95

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET
London, Feb. 10.

Prices of rubber here closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in pence per lb.	22⅝-¾
March	22⅝-¾
April/June	22⅝-¾
July/September	22⅛-⅜
October/December	22⅜-½

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET
New York, Feb. 10.

Prices of No. 1 rubber futures closed 10 to 50 higher with sales totalling 30 contracts. Dealers covering at the close found limited contracts in the spot market. In the spot market, dealers reported a quiet situation. Prices closed as follows:—

March	27.75	bid
May	27.10	
July	26.00	nominal
September	26.35	"
December	26.15	"
March (1954)	26.15	"
Spot	27.50	"

—United Press.

Anglo-U.S. Differences Over Admission Of Japan To G.A.T.T.

RENEWAL OF "DUMPING" FEARED

From Ernest Ashwick

Geneva, Feb. 9.

Fears of renewed Japanese dumping and cheap labour production have overshadowed for one week the negotiations of the inter-sessional Committee of GATT now meeting in Geneva to discuss Japan's entry to this organisation.

Since the secret meetings commenced last Monday three tides of opinion have become apparent:

1. Britain and the Commonwealth which "in principle" are not against Japan's entry into the organisation, demand guarantees that GATT, either through a revision of its rules or otherwise can restrain Japan from the disastrous return to cheap production and dumping as in the '30s;

2. The United States considers that Japan should be allowed into GATT as early as possible;

3. Several other member nations, including Czechoslovakia, believe that it is premature to discuss any admittance of Japan.

For three days a special working party has been at deadlock over Britain's desire to revise GATT rules.

The most important British and Commonwealth objection to Japan's entry under present rules is that, during negotiations held in Geneva, Annecy and Torquay, tariff reductions were agreed upon between GATT nations which took no account of any possible entry of Japan.

Tariff reductions agreed upon by Britain and the Commonwealth to several countries went far below what might have been considered a dangerous minimum if trade with Japan as one of the beneficiaries had been mentioned.

BRITISH PROPOSALS

Tariff reductions to one country under GATT rules means that all other negotiating member countries must be given the same reductions. This means that if Japan is made a member of GATT she will immediately benefit from tariff reductions which Britain, the Commonwealth and all other countries have fought hard for more than three years to obtain.

The British delegate, Mr C. W. Sanders, Under-Secretary of the Board of Trade, is said to have come to Geneva with definite proposals for the placing of special restrictions on Japan if admitted. Any hopes of him being successful in this task have been whittled away by the Commonwealth conference in London last November. For the threat that Britain would back out of GATT unless certain provisions were made—a threat that gave Britain several backers in the 34-nation organisation—has been removed.

The London conference decided that Britain and the Commonwealth would remain members of GATT. So Mr Sanders has a difficult proposition to face.

Yet no revision of the rules to please Britain and be acceptable to all other member nations can ever restrict Japan's production by means of cheap labour.

INEVITABLE SHADOW

Japan's 86,000,000 population is increasing by one million a year. For the sake of survival Japan must increase exports. New factories—principally textile factories — are going into production almost weekly.

Cheap child labour, as was known in Britain in the worst days of the Industrial Revolution, is used with the consent of the trade unions.

No revision of GATT rules can stop Japan producing and selling shirts at one shilling each — if she can produce them at that price. And no revision of rules can stop any country buying them at that price if it so desires.

The shadow of Japanese under-selling, if she becomes a member, must fall over all future negotiations throughout GATT.

And Japan's 86 million population is extremely adaptable. From the production of shirts to toys is a mere step, from toys to refrigerators, refrigerators to machinery are only small steps of which this country is capable.

MUST EXPORT

Beaming Mr Toru Hagiwara, Japan's delegate to GATT meetings last October, told me just this in about as many words:

"Japan has enormous markets in India and the East for her textiles. We are also producing large quantities of textile machinery for these countries."

When I asked him what would happen when India and the East had sufficient machinery to make their own textiles in quantity, he said: "From textiles to machinery, from machinery to repairs of this machinery, and from that to the manufacturing of any other goods suitable for these markets is a mere administrative change-over. Japan must export to live and Japan must live."

Another objection by Britain to a too quick "hail fellow" entry of Japan is raised by the doubt whether GATT countries can protect themselves against Japanese cheap mass production by restoring some of the tariffs agreed upon with other nations.

BIGGER FEAR

This, however, means that by increasing a British general tariff Britain would be obliged to weaken preferences among Commonwealth countries. As these are rigidly fixed by agreement, the damage is likely to be greater than the safeguards.

Behind all the fears of letting Japan into GATT lies the bigger fear, shared principally by the United States, that in her fight for survival Japan will sell her exports to Communist China.

This is one of the strong reasons why the United States delegate to GATT in Geneva has come with strict instructions to push for Japan's membership at once.

But the United States, with the series of U.S. "escape clauses," which become a condition on U.S. entry into GATT, has less to fear from Japanese competition than any other country. Britain has most to fear and most to lose by the entry of Japan into GATT without guarantee of fair trading, minimum prices and no dumping, and these guarantees GATT in its present form can never give.—London Express Service.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $351,053.40. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank			20 @ 1350
East Asia	145		
INSURANCES			
Union			5 @ 600
Underwriters	5.50	5½	
SHIPPING			
Asia. Nav.		1.60	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf		80	
N. Pt. Wharf	6.30	6½	
Provident	12.70	13	2000 @ 12.80
Provident (New)		11.40	
S'hai Dock	2.20		
Wheelock			1200 @ 7.60
			1200 @ 7.60
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	7.55		2000 @ 7.60
HK Land (O)		55	200 @ 55½
			1000 @ 55
HK Land (N)		54½	
S'hai Land	1.45	1.50	
UTILITIES			
Tram	21½		3300 @ 21½
Star Ferry		110	
C. Light (O)	9¼		820 @ 9¼
			1000 @ 9¼
C. Light (N)	6.05	6.10	
Electric	23½	23.70	2232 @ 23½
Telephone	19	19.30	
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	17.60	17.80	500 @ 17.70
			1500 @ 17.70
Hope		19.00	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	19	19.10	
Watson	21½		100 @ 24.00
			38 @ 24.20
COTTONS			
Ewo	2.40	2½	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	5.05		3500 @ 5.00

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	0.039
Sterling note (per £1)	15.85
Indonesian guilders (per 100)	21.30
Siam ticals (per 100)	34.80
Singapore (Straits)	10.84
FIC piastres (per 100)	12.15

Giant New Indian Power System Starting Today

New Delhi, Feb. 19.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru will throw the switches tomorrow and Saturday to inaugurate first units of India's $140,000,000 multi-purpose power system modelled after that of America's Tennessee Valley Authority.

Involved in the inauguration are the Bokara steam power plant—the largest of its kind in Asia—and one of the series of dams in the gigantic irrigation, power, and flood control programme governing the 330-mile-long Damodar Valley in Eastern India.

The Indian Government, the World Bank, which furnished $38,000,000 in loans, and a group of American and Indian engineers all shared in the development. India's Parliament started the ball rolling in 1948 by creating the Damodar Valley Corporation, modelled directly on the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The programme, when completed, will end disastrous floods like that of 1943 which sweep the thickly populated valley, supply water from eight major storage dams for irrigation, and furnish nearly half a million kilowatts of hydro and steam electrical power for Eastern India's industries.

Two States most directly involved, Bihar and West Bengal, helped in supplying capital for this venture, one of half a dozen major river valley projects fitted into India's overall five year plan of economic development.

Designed and constructed by a Philadelphia, U.S.A., firm (the Kuljian Corporation), the $35,000,000 Bokara power station is not only the largest in Asia but the first major high pressure steam plant in the Far East. Its four 60,000 kilowatt generating units will operate at steam pressures of 900 pounds per square inch.

The Bokara project involves three parts (1) the steam power station itself; (2) the Konar Dam 12 miles from the plant to furnish adequate supplies of cooling water, and (3) a total of 477 miles of transmission lines and sub-stations. An aerial ropeway will furnish coal for the plant at the rate of 700,000 tons annually from the nearby Bermo strip coalfields.

INDUSTRIAL AREA

The Damodar Valley project and the nearby area it affects take in one of the most highly industrialised regions of India. Its hills contain 85 per cent of the world's best mica, 75 per cent of India's coal deposits, most of its iron ore, and large deposits of manganese, copper, limestone, bauxite, asbestos and chrome.

Jamshedpur, India's "Pittsburgh" where nearly 90 per cent of this country's steel is produced, is expected to take substantial amounts of power from the authority plants.

The Indian Iron and Steel Company, almost in the heart of the Damodar Valley, is expanding its operation with the help of a new World Bank loan and will use greater amounts of power.

Transmission lines will carry power from Damodar to Calcutta, India's largest city, less than 200 miles away.

Electricity from the steam plant will carry the base load 37 weeks of the year and the hydro plants will take over the bulk of the load during the 15 weeks of monsoon weather.—Associated Press.

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

SAILINGS		To
"BOISSEVAIN"	Feb. 20	Penang, Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIBANTJET"	Feb. 21	Djakarta Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIBODAS"	Feb. 21	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa
"STRAAT SOENDA"	Mar. 1	Yokohama, Yokkaichi & Kobe
"TJIWANGI"	Mar. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIPONDOK"	Mar. 9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TASMAN"	Mar. 9	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJILUWAH"	Mar. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJISADANE"	Mar. 17	Japan
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Mar. 17	Manila, Miri, Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIKAMPEK"	Mar. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TEGELBERG"	Mar. 29	Japan
"TJIWANGI"	Apr. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIPANAS"	Apr. 2	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Apr. 6	Japan
"TJIBANTJET"	Apr. 8	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJILUWAH"	Apr. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TEGELBERG"	Apr. 22	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIPONDOK"	Apr. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"RUYS"	Apr. 23	Japan
"TJIWANGI"	May 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"STRAAT BANKA"	May 4	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa
"TJIKAMPEK"	May 9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJILUWAH"	May 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"RUYS"	May 22	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, South Africa & S. America

ARRIVALS		From
"BOISSEVAIN"	In Port	Japan
"TJIBANTJET"	In Port	Japan
"TJIBODAS"	In Port	Japan
"STRAAT SOENDA"	Feb. 27	S. & E. Africa, Mauritius & Singapore

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: SATURDAY the 21st February at 12.00 noon for thhe UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: ALL passengers baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 Gate, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE by NOON on 20th February. 1953.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves. ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.s Godown for loading on board by ship's sling only. **BAGGAGE COOLIES WILL BE REFUSED ADMITTANCE TO THE WHARF.**

EMBARKATION: Will take place SATURDAY, the 21st February, 1953 between 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

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Total at 11 a.m. today ..... HK$53,597.20

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Legislative Council Vacancy

A vacancy on the Legislative Council will occur shortly by reason of the departure from the Colony of the Hon. M. M. Watson, it was announced in the Gazette this morning.

The Gazette added that Unofficial Justices of the Peace are invited to submit nominations of one or more of their numbers to be considered for appointment, and that in the event of more than one nomination being received, an election will be held. Nominations should be signed by two or more Justices and should bear a certificate by the nominee that he or she assents to nomination. They should be lodged with the Clerk of Councils at the Colonial Secretariat before noon on Saturday, February 28, 1953.

Castaways Rescued

Miami, Feb. 19.

Three children and their worried parents—castaways on a lonely seaswept island in the Bahamas — were rescued today by a seaplane and flown to Miami Beach hotel.

Newton Crumley, 42, hotel owner of Elkl, Nevada, his wife and three girls were forced to abandon their floundering 83-foot yacht north of Nassau on Wednesday night by 50-mile per hour winds.

"Fortunately, the winds blew the yacht within 30 or 40 yards of the shore," Crumley said, "and four crew members on the yacht could help us ashore in a dinghy." — United Press.

Official Appointments

Notified in today's Gazette are the following official appointments:

Mr R.W.S. Winter, Magistrate, to act as a District Judge during the absence of Mr James Reynolds.

Mr Cheng Chen-huan, MA, to act as a Senior Education Officer during the absence of Mr William John Dyer.

Messrs Percy Lowe, Douglas Haig Taylor, John Albert White, Henry Tyler and Alexander Morrison to be Assistant Superintendents of Police.

Mr William Collins Bell to be an Engineer, Public Works Department.

FIRE IN TSUN WAN GODOWN

A small fire broke out in the godown of the Shanghai Textile Ltd., factory at the 9½ Mile Stone, Castle Peak at about 8.30 this morning when several bales of cotton were burnt.

The fire was put out shortly after the arrival of a fire appliance from the Tsun Wan Fire Station. More than ten bales of cotton were damaged by fire and water.

French Ship To Sail To Red China

Paris, Feb. 19.

Authoritative sources said here tonight that the French government had made no objection after consultation with the Economic Bureau of the Foreign Ministry to the departure of French freighter Yangtze due to sail to Communist China on February 25.

The provisional suspension of the cargo destined for Communist China is due solely to commercial reason, the same sources said.

The Yangtze is expected to sail from Dunkirk on February 25 as scheduled.

Under an agreement concluded with Chinese Communist representatives in East Berlin, the Yangtze is to carry a cargo of 1,500 to 2,000 tons of "non-strategic" goods to Taku Bar (Port of Tientsin) where she will load tea and other foodstuffs for return voyage.

Only "strategical goods" are banned for shipment to Communist countries under agreements among Atlantic countries.

The export firm handling the shipment indicated that the Yangtze carried a cargo including metal plates for Communist China which had not yet reached Dunkirk.

NOT BANNED

It is said that there was no ban on the shipment, but only a temporary suspension due to administrative causes.

The export firm said: "The export to Communist China of these fine plates for the manufacture of tins for canned goods, metal containers and other articles had been negotiated, as it is every time such a case arises with the authorisation of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. But, the indications of dimensions given on the letter of credit which has just been sent from Peking through London did not tally with those given in the order."

The firm added that this was why the operation had been suspended in order to avoid possible difficulties of payment on delivery.

Only a small part of the vessel's cargo is destined for Communist China. — France-Presse.

Promotions And Awards

The following promotions in the Royal Hongkong Defence Force were announced by the Gazette this morning: Pilot Officer Gerald Graham and Pilot Officer Stanley George Smith to be Flying Officers.

Also announced in the Gazette were the awards of the Efficiency Decoration in regard to the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps to Major G. H. Calvert and Major B. C. Field, MC. The First Clasp to the Efficiency Medal to Lieut R. S. Capell, and the Second Clasp to the Efficiency Medal to Lieut A. P. Pereira and CSM G. J. White.

The Volunteer Reserve Decoration award to officers of the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve were awarded to Lieut-Cmdr J.C.M. Grenham (retired), and Lieut-Cmdr H.P. Bailey (retired), Cmdr R.J. Vernall (retired), OBE, Cmdr B.J.B. Morahan, Lieut-Cmdr L.D. Kilbee, Lieut-Cmdr C.A.L. Rickett (retired), Lieut-Cmdr A.C. Ford, and Lieut R.B. Wood.

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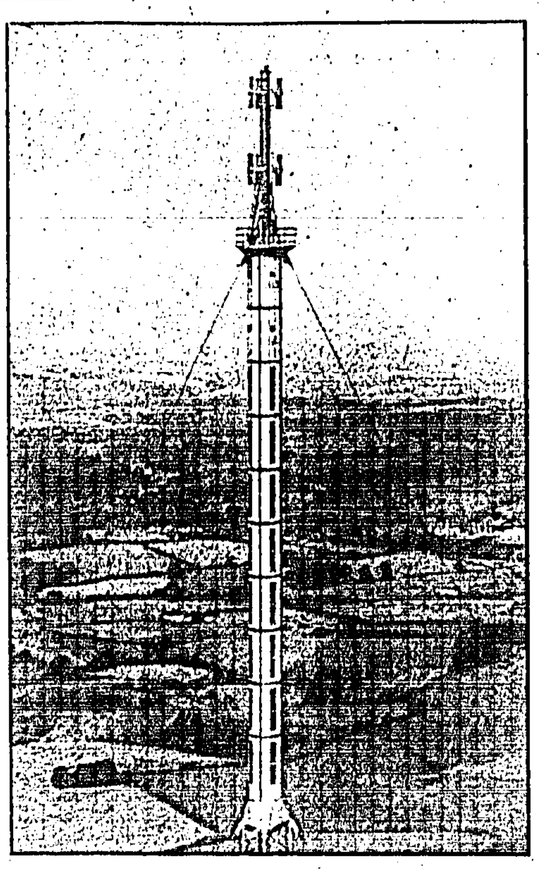
and must contribute a more proportionate share of the conduct of the overall Korean effort.

"The members of the UN should now give and for that matter should long since have given definite consideration to ways and means of completely depriving the Chinese Communist government of the wherewithal to wage continued aggressive war against the United Nations in Korea."

He applauded Secretary of State Dulles' statement made on Wednesday that the State Department is making an intensive study of possible actions to reduce the flow of goods having military value to China, including a blockade.—Associated Press.

Britain's Latest TV Mast



This picture shows the upper part of the BBC's newest television transmitting station which is at Wenvoe in South Wales. It is the most powerful television transmitter in the world. The mast is 750ft high and the site is 400ft above sea level. The photograph shows the cylindrical section in which the slots, which may ultimately form a very high frequency aerial, can be clearly seen. The two sets of four vertical folded dipoles forming the combined sound and vision aerial for the television station are also visible.

Delay In Prosecuting Criticised

"Since the case came up last time there has not been the slightest indication as to when the statutary interview is to take place" complained Mr P. J. Griffiths in the course of a renewed application for hearing before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Mr Griffiths, who previously failed to obtain bail for his client Li Sau-fung, 32, who has been detained since January 14, pending deportation proceedings, said he would be applying for a subpoena for the responsible authorities to come to court and to explain the reason for the case not being heard.

Counsel stated that "it was about time some light was thrown on these confidential banishment cases", adding that his client had a considerable business in the Colony and that due to the delay in deportation proceedings "her livelihood is going to ruin." Mr Griffiths concluded that he fully realised that the Magistrate's "hands were tied" and that the matter lay solely in the hands of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

Prosecuting, Det. Insp. J. W. Macdonald applied for a further remand of 10 days, which was granted by the Court.

Chinese Seize Burmese Town

Rangoon, Feb. 19.

Burmese newspapers today reported that 300 Chinese Nationalists overwhelmed a small Burmese garrison at Kyuhkok, the last border outpost between Burma and Yunnan Province, and hoisted a Nationalist China flag only a few miles from a Chinese Communist outpost.

The Press, which has increased its attacks on the presence of Nationalist Chinese in Burma reported a general increase of Chinese pressure elsewhere in Burma.—United Press.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Since 9 represents some other digit, and the square of 9 does not end in 9, 9 must represent 3, 7, 4, 7 or 8. Of these, 4 and 5 can at once be rejected, since the squares of 32 and 33 are numbers of 3 digits.

The squares of 44, 77 and 88 are respectively 1936, 5929 and 7744.

So clearly 6131 represents 5929; 63 represents 77, and 36 represents 33. The difference is 97, which is Belinda's code is 88.

London Express Service.

Return Of Gold Appeal Dismissed

An appeal made by Wong Yuk-kong for the return of 1,020 taels of gold, confiscated by the Director of Commerce and Industry, was dismissed by Mr Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Court this morning.

Appellant was represented by Mr H. Caine of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, who contested the decision made at Kowloon in September last year by Mr Horace Lo.

Mr Caine alleged that it had not been proved in Court that all the metal confiscated was indeed gold. Only one bar had been analysed by the Government Chemist, and the fact that the other 211 bore similar markings did not entitle the Court to assume them to be the same metal. It had been up to the Director of Commerce and Industry to prove that it was gold—a metal he was entitled to confiscate.

TAKEN ASHORE

The metal in question was part of a 4,000 tael load which the appellant had caused to be taken aboard the ss Sin Kiang in July last year, with the object of exportation. It had been hidden in various parts of the engine room by greasers, but afterwards the 1,020 taels in question were taken on shore again and secreted in a wooden box in a certain house in Hongkong.

On July 11 revenue officials had found the remaining 2,980 taels and confiscated them. This was reported in the Press, and the appellant had gone to the Police and reported the absence of 1,020 taels. The greasers when interviewed told where the rest of the gold had been hidden, and this was confiscated.

Mr Williams said that this evidence, and the fact that the bar to be analysed had been selected at random from over 200 similar bars, entitled the Court to believe all the metal to be gold, and the Director of Commerce and Industry was entitled to confiscate it.

Hawker Given 15 Years For Manslaughter

Fifteen years' imprisonment was the punishment inflicted at the Criminal Sessions this morning on an unlicensed hawker who pleaded not guilty to the murder of a doorman of the Ko Shing Theatre on the night of September 15 last year, but guilty to the charge of manslaughter.

Lo Ling, 31, had been remanded from last month's Sessions after a Jury trying him for the alleged murder had been unable to arrive at a verdict.

The accused admitted killing Law Cheung, the doorman, but claimed that Law had attacked him first, and that he lost his head and stabbed Law with a fruit knife he always carried in his pocket.

Evidence had been given at the trial that the doorman had, the night before the incident, refused to allow Lo to enter the theatre free of charge, as had been his custom before.

Mr Patrick Yu, who represented the accused at the trial (instructed by Mr A. S. Ross of Deacons), appeared for him this morning. Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, was for the Crown.

When Lo's case came up this morning, Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, told his Counsel to explain to the prisoner that if he was tried for murder there was a possibility that he might be convicted of manslaughter instead, and that the prisoner could therefore plead guilty to this charge if he wanted.

This having been done, Lo's plea was taken accordingly.

Crown Counsel then told the Court that the Crown was prepared to accept this plea. This, he went on, was a case where there were no eyewitnesses and the victim died without making a statement.

NO PRIOR INTENT

Although the wound was fatal, he stated, it did not seem to have been delivered with a prior intent to kill. The Crown was also prepared to accept the plea that there was that sufficient element of provocation.

In mitigation, Mr Yu said it could not be doubted that this was a serious offence. But when it came to passing sentence, he would ask His Lordship to take into consideration that people of Lo's class were often victims of circumstances.

Counsel said his client did not have the benefit of life with parents in his earlier days, and he never had any proper education. It spite of all this, he stated, Lo had a clean record up to now.

In passing the 15-year-sentence, Mr Justice Reece stressed the seriousness of the offence, saying he did not think he could give a shorter sentence. He added, however, that the prisoner could get a remission of sentence for good conduct in prison.

Consular Appointments

The Gazette announced this morning that the Queen's Exequatura empowering Mr Julian F. Harrington to act as Consul-General, Mr Frank J. Wathen to act as Consul, and Mr Douglas N. Norman, Jr., to act as Vice-Consul for the United States of America at Hongkong received Her Majesty's signature on January 5, 1953.

The recognition, provisionally, by His Excellency the Governor, pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, of Signor Guido Relli as Consul-General for Italy at Hongkong was announced, as also was the recognition, provisionally, of Mr Jerome K. Holloway as Vice-Consul for the United States of America at Hongkong.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Programme Summary; 6.02, Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio). Names that made history (BBCTS)—Lord Anson; 6.30, Composer Cavalcade—George Gershwin; 7, Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 7.15, Talking about Hongkong by Dr S.G. Davis and Rev. Father T. F. Ryan (Recorded); 7.30, London Studio Melodies; Mantovani and his Orch. with John McHugh (Tenor) (BBCTS); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Music is Served, Robert Farnon and his Orch. and the Hollywood Studio Orch.; 8.45, King George V: His Life and Reign—1¼2 (BBCTS) "Constitutional and Political Problems" A Series of talks by Harold Nicolson; 9.15, Music Lovers Hour—Classical Requests presented by Curtis Hindson (Studio); 10.15, The Human Body—Tracer Substances (BBCTS), A Feature Programme edited by Professor B. Zuckerman, CB, FRS, (Final); 10.45, "Beatin' Bangin' 'n Scratchin'"; with Danny Kaye; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Good-night Music, God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close down.

Living Language

Why we say In Queer Street.

To be in "Queer Street" is to have money difficulties so that others are unwilling to advance credit. The phrase is supposed to have originated from the query sign which a tradesman puts against the name of a customer whose solvency he is sure about.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m., P.A.L.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., (Seattle & Western States), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m., Q.E.A.
Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Middle East, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m., ss Chusan.
Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., ss Changsha.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, Noon via B.O.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, Noon, P.A.A.
Siam, 4.30 p.m., Thai Airways.
Formosa, 6 p.m. C.A.T.
Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m., 6 p.m., ss Tai Loy/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., 6 p.m. train via Canton.
India, 11 a.m., ss Eastern Queen.
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain, Europe, 11 a.m., ss Glenorchy.
Formosa, 11 a.m., ss Wing Sang.
Indonesia, Noon, ss Tjibantjot.
Japan, Noon, ss Noreverett.
East & South Africa, Noon, ss Tjibodas.
Burma, Noon, ss Hai Hing.
Indo-China, 1 p.m., ss Sun On.
North Borneo, 1 p.m., ss How Sang.
Siam, Noon, ss Hiram.

PLACED UNDER OPEN ARREST

Bremen, Feb. 19.

Husim C. Mardin, owner of a Turkish ship which was caught after a three-hour chase in the river Weser, was tonight placed under "open arrest" here and forbidden to leave the city limits of Bremen.

His ship, the 7,000-ton tanker Raman, secretly slipped her moorings at a shipyard here two nights ago and was captured at pistol point by river police.—Reuter.

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